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OF

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE,

—AND—

DOMINION GRANGE

SESSIONS,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF TORONTO,

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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

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FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.
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FIRST DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Tuesday November 23rd, 1886.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Ontario Provincial Grange met in Room No. 3, Temperance Hall, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Worthy Master Bro. Robert Currie, in the chair.

Upon the roll being called the following officers responded :—

<i>Master</i>	Bro. ROBERT CURRIE
<i>Secretary</i>	" A. GIFFORD
<i>Treasurer</i>	" ROBERT WILKIE
<i>Gate-Keeper</i>	" J. P. PALMER
<i>Ceres</i>	Sister C. MOFFATT
<i>Pomona</i>	" G. LETHBRIDGE

The Worthy Master appointed the following officers *pro tem*.

<i>Lecturer</i>	Bro. E. M. CHRYSLER
<i>Chaplain</i>	" G. LETHBRIDGE
<i>Steward</i>	" C. MOFFATT
<i>Assistant Steward</i>	" J. ROBINSON

The Grange was opened in due form.

Moved by Bro. Thos. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Thos. Reazin, that the minutes as printed, of last meeting of Provincial Grange, be accepted and adopted.—Carried.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Geo. Dewar, Chas. Moffat and Jabel Robinson a Committee on Credentials.

Report No. 1 of Committee on Credentials was read by Bro. Robinson.

We your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following delegates present :

Bro. R. RIX	ORILLIA.....	Simcoe, Division No. 20	
" T. S. McLEOD	DALSTON	"	
" J. ROBINSON	MIDDLEMARCH	Elgin, " No. 18	
" CHAS. MOFFAT	EDGE HILL	South Grey, " No. 43	
Sister MOFFAT	"	"	"
Bro. GEO. DEWAR	KERTCH	E. Lambton, " No. 15	
" R. MANERY	HILLMAN	Essex, " No. 36	
" R. WILKIE.....	BLENHEIM.....	Kent, " No. 11	
" E. M. CHRYSLER	LYNDOCH	Norfolk, " No. 23	
" J. W. MENCKE	NANTICOKE	Haldimand, " No. 33	
" GEO. LETHBRIDGE	STRATHBURN	W. Middldsex " No. 17	
Sister G. LETHBRIDGE ...	"	"	"
Bro. R. F. MARSHALL	MOORE	W. Lambton, " No. 4	
" G. J. RICHMOND	PERTH	Lanark, " No. 53	
" W. HARTMAN	CLARKSBURG	Beaver Valley " No. 23	
" THOS. REAZIN.....	CASHTOWN	W. Simcoe, " No. 37	
Sister T. REAZIN	"	"	"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. DEWAR,
JABEL ROBINSON,
CHAS. MOFFATT.

On motion report was adopted.

The Worthy Master read the following address :—

MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the worthy Officers, Delegates, and Patrons.

Welcome to this the 5th session of the Ontario Provincial Grange.

Time in its rotation which carries to their destination all material things, has brought us together again, as friends and patrons from widely separated districts, where the hand of friendship warmly clasped and the kindly greeting freely interchanged, are fountains of joy and social profit to the participants. Let us remember that we have met for a great purpose, the promotion of the

interests of that calling which feeds the nations of the earth. Since our last meeting as a Provincial Grange more than a year and a half has elapsed; seed time and harvest has twice come and gone, and the labors of the husbandman have been rewarded by abundant crops, full barns, plenty for man and beast. We have enough and to spare of the necessities of life; we ought to be thankful to the giver of all good for the many blessings we enjoy.

The Grange in this country now has been in existence about twelve years. We all agree, and the public generally acknowledge, that it has been born of necessity, an organization by which the hands of the agriculturalists might be strengthened, to better enable them to successfully compete with men in other branches of business, who through organized capacity were crowding upon the rights and privileges of the farmers; a medium through which the agricultural community might be educated and assisted in the development of a higher and nobler manhood and womanhood.

Zealous men as leaders, whose sole object was to benefit their fellow-men, have given to us an organization, the capabilities of which has no equal. Have we accomplished what we promised? is a question the public is asking, members themselves are asking, and we each should ask himself, at the same time applying the practical question have I done my part of the work, fulfilling my duty towards the Order and my fellow members?

As I glance at the condition of our Order throughout the Province, and at the same time considering some of the causes which contribute to our present condition, I think that as an organization we need more discipline, more cohesion, and a simplification of our machinery. We have boasted of our organization, its growth and magnitude, but the time has come when members look for results. We should have unanimity of purpose and an unselfish desire to carry out the true principles of the association. From experience we are bound to acknowledge that no matter how laudable be the object of any society or organization it requires continued exertion from some source to keep up the interest in the objects, and to advance the principles and aims for the furtherance of which the society is formed.

We should consider the stagnation in business circles, the severe financial depression in which all classes of industry participate, both here and in Great Britain, the very low prices of our farm produce, and our inability to purchase, compelling business men to force their wares upon the market almost at first cost, thereby rendering our co-operative movements comparatively useless, numbers of our people from various causes, going back into their old system of credit, is it to be wondered at that those who were induced to join us for what they could save in their purchases being their only

native, should become lukewarm. There has been more than that to mar the onward progress of our work—there has been differences of opinion and lack of harmony with those within our gates.

Farmers in their natural isolation acquire habits of selfishness, become jealous and suspicious of their neighbors, accustomed to practice a rigid economy in their private business, they forget the maxim "a judicious expenditure is the wisest economy," and often defeat their best wishes both in private and associated effort, by withholding more than is meet; under the false impression that success can only be attained by strict economy. The plan of this order was well and wisely conceived, its foundations firmly laid, its superstructure very appropriately built, and it is ours to utilize it for the purposes for which it was created, therefore we say labor to advance it at least some steps towards that perfection we so confidently hope and believe it will finally attain.

Let us not confine ourselves to routine work, ritualistic ceremonies, or financial co-operation, all of which are good in their places, but let us commence utilizing the machinery of the Order to educate and qualify ourselves to better and more successfully and profitably manage and pursue our own vocation, and also to train our business capabilities so that we can go out into the outside world and more confidently, intelligently and independently transact business without a ruinous dependence upon other classes, to take our appropriate places, and to act our own proper part in the conduct of the world's business, to understand our civic rights, and correctly discharge our civic duties: to intelligently consider and decide upon all questions of great and general interest. Let us not design to use co-operation for selfish purposes, or for the detriment, injury, or oppression of those whose interest is not identified with ours, but for the good of our calling, our country, and our families. We would not become aggressive, but defence is one of our greatest duties. We would not cripple any legitimate interest in the land, but the greatest of all callings must not be destroyed or injured at the caprice or design of party or monopoly. Would we build up another party to accomplish these ends? No, never, but simply be guided by justice and right, by principle instead of partizanship, by honor instead of aggrandisement, by a high sense of justice to all rather than a blind adhesion to partizan politics. When candidates are to be elected by either party, let us see to it that the right men are chosen,—men whose interest is identified with that calling, which is the parent of all others in all rural constituencies, and then it matters not to which party they belong. The chief interest in the land will be protected, and the toiling masses will be no longer brought under foot by the iron tread of monopoly.

There is somewhere an undeniable weakness, I think, tracable to a lack of unity amongst us. We have not learned what others have,

that to effect the object aimed at there must be unity of purpose and co-operative effort; petty jealousies and suspicions must be dropped and all lift together as one man.

Any institution that is worthy of the patronage and support of the people, should put forth an effort to make its objects known. How can persons be expected to take part in an enterprise of which they are comparatively ignorant, and few institutions exist in this country of which so little is known as the real objects of the Grange. A fearless advocacy of principles has been the key to success in almost every society that has ever attained to any importance. The Grange teaches us that knowledge is the foundation of happiness: then why not utilize every legitimate means of making that knowledge as widespread as possible. The Temperance cause has grown to considerable importance through the instrumentality and labors of its lecturers. The command "go ye forth," applies with equal force to the advocacy of every good cause, the Grange included. If our principles are right, can they be too frequently or ably advocated?

Can our people be too soon or too often awakened to the necessity of co-operative and joint action,—can the example set us by other industries of acting in concert, be too soon or too universally adopted, and can we be too zealous in advocating a grand union of farmers for the advancement of our own calling? Progress in good works is slow when there is no concerted effort. The individual is weak when compared with associated strength.

The great draw back in farm life is the isolation that characterizes it. That is not a necessary condition, but the tendency is towards segregation, with all its debilitating influences: and this tendency is easily counteracted by the Grange,—hence the wisdom of giving it a large and earnest support.

In conclusion let me urge you to be diligent and persevere,—remembering "that as we sow so shall we reap." Labor therefore to preserve what is good, by reforming in time what is evil. Thus you will bequeath to your successors an institution unimpaired, and when our labor here is ended and the day of gathering comes, may we be found amongst the faithful and true.

ROBERT CURRIE.

Moved by Bro. Charles Moffat, seconded by Bro. Jabel Robinson, that the Master's address, as read, be handed to the Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. A. Servos and J. Robinson on a Committee to strike the Standing Committees. The Worthy Overseer named Bro. G. Lethbridge for the same committee.

The Worthy Master declared it was in order to receive suggestions for the Good of the Order.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, November 23rd, 1886.

The Worthy Master called the Grange to order at 2 p. m.

Bro. J. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee to strike Standing Committees, read report No. 1 of Committee.

Press.

Bros. R. Wilkie, T. S. McLeod and Jabel Robinson.

Good of the Order.

Bros. G. B. Miller, J. P. Palmer, Wm. Brock, Sisters Moffat, Lethbridge and McLeod.

Mileage and Officers' Salaries.

Bros. E. M. Chrysler, Geo. Lethbridge, Jas. Allen, Wm. Brock and Geo. Hood.

Legislation.

Bros. J. M. Kaiser, H. Glendinning, A. Gifford, J. W. Mencke, R. F. Marshall and Robert Wilkie.

Constitution and By-Laws.

Bros. E. H. Hilborn, T. S. McLeod, Chas. Moffat, J. Robinson, H. Glendinning and A. Servos.

Education.

Bros. Robert McMordie, John Beasley, Walter Hartman and Geo. Dewar.

Agriculture.

Bros. Geo. J. Richmond, Geo. Hood, Alex. Servos and Eli Crawford.

Committee on Standing Committees.

Bros. Jabel Robinson, Geo. Lethbridge, and Alex. Servos.

On motion the report as read was adopted.

Report No. 2 on Credentials was read by Bro. Moffat.

Bro. ELI CRAWFORD	BRAMPTON	Peel, Divison	No. 10
" E. H. HILBORN.....	UXBRIDGE.....	Ontario, "	No. 25
" GEO. HOOD	SUNSHINE	Huron, "	No. 27
" J. M. KAISER	RAPER	London, "	No. 1
" ALEX. SERVOS.....	NIAGARA	Niagara Dis.,	No. 3
" JOHN BEASLEY & WIFE...	NOBLETON	York, "	No. 9 1
" ROBERT McMORDIE	KIPPEN.....	Prince Albert,	No. 24

On motion report was adopted.

A number of suggestions for the Good of the Order were handed in to the Worthy Master, and read, and passed to their respective Committees.

Bro. T. S. McLeod read the report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange.

By reference to our report issued in March last and sent to the Subordinate Granges of Ontario, you will see that, with much regret, we found ourselves unable to call a meeting of the Provincial Grange at the usual time on account of our indebtedness to the Dominion Grange, which was so extensive as to prevent us from constitutionally electing Delegates to represent us in that body, and as without the Ontario Delegates there could be no meeting of the Dominion Grange we considered that it would be very unwise on our part to call a meeting of the Provincial under the circumstances. True, we might have done so, allowing the Delegates to pay their own expenses, and trusted to the Subordinate Granges paying up their dues, but the risk was greater than we cared to incur, as, if they had not done so, we would have been in a much worse position than we are to-day, and we considered it better to defer the meeting until later in the year, sending our report to the Subordinate as well as Division Granges, that every member might be made acquainted with the true position of affairs, and thereby be incited to renewed effort to save our noble Order from the humiliating posi-

tion of being unable to meet for lack of funds, and we are still of the opinion that the course which we pursued was the wisest, notwithstanding the misconstruction of our motives by some individuals who have so far forgotten the motto which stands at the head of our Declaration of Principles,—“In all things charity”—as to ascribe our delay in calling the meeting to a desire on our part to continue ourselves in office for a few months longer. People have different ideas as to the meaning of the word charity. In a certain very old book we have several definitions of it, one of which we would specially commend to the notice of the Brethren in question, “Charity thinketh no evil.” No harm has been done by the postponement of the meeting,—we are in a much better position than we were in the beginning of the year, as we will by the election of our Delegates enable the Dominion meeting to be held, and trust that the Constitution may be altered in such a way that there will be no possibility of a similar dead lock. It is certain that the Provincial Grange, as at present constituted, cannot continue to exist, as it has never been self-supporting. The expense of the first meeting was borne by the Divisions; the next year a large addition to the funds was made by a percentage on the gate receipts of the Grange day at the Provincial Exhibition; the next year the sum was smaller, although still considerable; the year after, the Agricultural and Arts Association saw fit to change the day later in the week, when the profit was so trifling that it barely paid for the advertising. All this time the dues were falling off annually, in spite of the efforts put forth in the shape of lecturing, and, to crown all, the reckless extravagance of the meeting of 1884, plunged the Grange into the almost hopeless labyrinth of debt from which it has never been able to extract itself.

With regard to the apathy which has been stealing over the Grange, we must begin at the Subordinates, if we wish to have an awakening. We believe in the importance of lecturing. For want of funds we are not in a position to put any one in the field, and even when the Lecture Bureau was in existence it did not prevent the falling off, because the masses were not reached. This might be done at comparatively small expense. There are few Divisions which do not rejoice in the possession of one or more men able to interest an audience, and who are possessed of sufficient love for the order to devote a week or two in the winter to visit Subordinate Granges and endeavor to instil new life into them. The talented brother in one Division could visit the Granges in the next, and so on all along the line an exchange could be effected which might do a great deal to renew the interest, at a comparatively trifling expenditure.

† The Fire Insurance Association has done a great deal towards

keeping the Grange together, and it is possible that the establishment of a Life Insurance Association on some such principle as that proposed in a late number of the Owen Sound Co-operator might prove an important factor towards promoting the same end. Let us take hold energetically, of those legislative matters which are of interest to us and show the people that we are something more than a body meeting at stated times for the election of Officers and Delegates. As you would see by our last report we did wait upon the Government and pressed upon them the views of the Grange with regard to the several matters which are found on page 32 of the proceedings of the meeting of 1885. Let it be done again and again until our points are gained, and we would recommend every member of the Order to throw aside political party feeling in the coming elections, and use their influence for those men who will pledge themselves to support measures which will benefit us as Agriculturists, no matter from whom they may emanate.

As it is the duty of the Executive Committee to lay before the Grange a report of all questions submitted to them, with their decisions thereon, we would say that a complaint from Silver Creek Grange was laid before us with regard to a decision given by Division Grange No. 23, concerning the division of certain funds claimed by Silver Creek. As however we were not in possession of all the facts connected with the matter, we could only refer them to Section 8, Article 6, Constitution of Sub. Grange.

Our attention was also called to the very unreasonable and injudicious conduct of Northumberland and Durham Division Grange in withholding their dues and reports because they fancied the present Constitution did not allow them a proper representation in the inferior Granges. We instructed the Secretary to write, informing them that we regretted very much the course which they had seen fit to pursue, as by the non-payment of their dues they were preventing the meeting of the Dominion Grange from being held, the only Court competent to alter the Constitution. As their dues amounted to over one fourth of the extent of our indebtedness, a very considerable share of the responsibility of the blame connected with the delay in holding the present meeting is to be attributed to the conduct of that Division. We advised them to pay up their dues and forward their reports, in order that their Delegates might be entitled to lay their grievances before the Superior Grange.

A circular was sent to Division and Subordinate Granges, urging them to be prompt in the remission of their dues and reports, in order that we might be enabled to call the Provincial meeting at as early a date as possible, and the Secretary was requested to write a private letter to those Divisions in arrears, asking them to pay up without delay. Four hundred copies of another circular were ordered to be printed, calling this meeting, and reminding members that its success or failure depended on their prompt attention to it.

As the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange have seen fit to call the meeting of that body on Thursday, you will see that very little time is allowed us, and we trust that none will be lost by useless discussion on trivial matters,—that offensive personalities will be avoided, and that the unity so essential to success, will pervade our present meeting,—that in proposing legislative changes, definite suggestions may be made in order that the Government may have some plan proposed for their action, and that our own Constitutional changes may be such as will be lasting and beneficial. It is certain that the Constitution of our Superior Granges must be changed in some way or other, either by the adoption of Bro. Doyle's by-law, the plan proposed by the Circular issued by our Worthy Secretary, a reduction in the Dominion, or some better plan which may have been thought of by some one else, but let it be plainly understood what we do want, and let our Delegates go to the Dominion pledged to carry out the wishes of the Provincial.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
THOS. S. McLEOD, } COMMITTEE.

On motion the report was submitted to Committee upon Officers' Reports.

Moved by Bro. Jabel Robinson, seconded by Bro. Geo. Hood, that the Delegates elected by the Division Granges for the year 1886 be Delegates for the present meeting, and that the representation to Dominion Grange be based on the reports for the year 1885.—Carried.

No. 3 Report upon Credentials was read by Bro. J. Robinson.

Bro- JAS ALLEN	CHURCHILL	S. Simcoe, Div. No. 4	
" WM. BROCK	ADELAIDE.....	N. Middlesex "	12
" W. F. FISHER	BURLINGTON	Halton, "	No. 6
" G. B. MILLER	UXBRIDGE	Ontario, "	No. 25

GEO. DEWAR,
CHAS. MOFFAT, }
J. ROBINSON, } COMMITTEE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. W. Brock, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, that Bros. G. B. Miller and J. Beasley be appointed Auditors to audit the accounts of this Grange, in the absence of Bros. White and Ballachey.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. R. McMordie, seconded by Bro. J. P. Palmer, that this Grange suspend business until 9 o'clock to-morrow, Reports of Committees to be the first order of business.—Carried.

SECOND DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Wednesday, November 24th, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

Grange opened in due form by the Worthy Master.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday, and upon motion, were approved.

Bro. Moffat read Report No. 4, of Committee on Credentials.

Bro. R. J. DOYLE OWEN SOUND S. Grey, Division No. 2

GEO. DEWAR, }
CHAS. MOFFATT, } Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Secretary read his Annual Report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange, I beg to report as follows :—

Owing the withholding of reports until the meeting of this Grange, it is very difficult to give an exact statement of the present position of the Grange. A good many reports have been handed in by Delegates since the meeting opened, while others have paid in a sum supposed to be sufficient to cover the indebtedness of their Division.

Thirteen Subordinate Granges have reported direct to the Provincial Grange for this year making eleven reports for quarter No. 1, twelve for quarter No. 2, and six for quarter No. 3, and eleven

reports were received for quarter No. 4 and previous quarters of 1885, the total receipts from this source being \$135 57. The dues paid by the twelve Granges reporting for quarter No. 2 would cover a membership of 366 being an average of $30\frac{1}{2}$ members to each Grange.

Reports have been received from Divisions, for the year, as follows :—

From London number one, (1) for quarter No. 1 four ; for quarter No. 2 four ; and for quarter No. 3 four.

From Grey number two, (2) for quarter No. 1 fifteen ; for quarter No. 2 thirteen ; and ten for quarter No. 3.

From Niagara District No. 3, no reports or dues have been received.

From South Simcoe No. 4, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 five, and for quarter No. 3 five.

From West Lambton No. 5, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 four, for quarter No. 3 three, and for quarter No. 4 one.

From Halton No. 6, no reports or dues have been received for this year.

From Lucknow No. 7, no reports or dues have been received for this year.

From York No. 9, no reports or dues have been received for this year.

From Peel No. 10, for quarter No. 1 four, for quarter No. 2 four, for quarter No. 3 four, and for quarter No. 4 four.

From Kent No. 11, for quarter No. 1 six, for quarter No. 2 five, and for quarter No. 3 three.

From W. Middlesex No. 12, no reports or dues have been received for this year.

From Durham No. 14, no reports or dues have been received during the year nor for the year 1885.

From East Lambton No. 15, for quarter No. 1 seven.

From Orangeville No. 16, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 two, and for quarter No. 3 two.

From West Middlesex No. 17, no reports have been received for this year, but the Worthy Master of the Division has paid in the sum of \$34 00 which is supposed to cover the dues.

From Elgin No. 18, for quarter No. 1 seven, for quarter No. 2 six, and for quarter No. 3 six.

From North Simcoe No. 20, for quarter No. 1 eight, for quarter No. 2 eight, for quarter No. 3 four.

From Belmore No. 21, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 six, and for quarter No. 3 two.

From Beaver Valley No. 23, for quarter No. 1 ten, for quarter No. 2 eight, and for quarter No. 3 five.

From Prince Albert No. 24, for quarter No. 1 four, for quarter No. 2 four, for quarter No. 3 three, and for quarter No. 4 one.

From Ontario No. 25, for quarter No. 1 eight, for quarter No. 2 five, for quarter No. 3 two.

From Wentworth No. 26, for quarter No. 1 three, for quarter No. 2 one.

From Huron No. 27, for quarter No. 1 eleven, for quarter No. 2 eleven, and for quarter No. 3 nine.

From Norfolk No. 28, for quarter No. 1 six, for quarter No. 2 four, and for quarter No. 3 three.

From W. Bruce No. 32, for quarter No. 1 eight, for quarter No. 2 seven, and for quarter No. 3 six.

From Haldimand No. 33, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 four, and for quarter No. 3 three.

From Rose Valley No. 34, no reports or dues have been received this year.

From Essex No. 36, for quarter No. 1 eight.

From West Simcoe No. 37, for quarter No. 1 seven, for quarter No. 2 four, and for quarter No. 3 two.

From Union No. 38, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 five, and for quarter No. 3 four.

From South Grey No. 43, for quarter No. 1 four, for quarter No. 2 no report but dues \$4 68.

From Dundas No. 48, no report or dues for this year or for 1885.

From — No. 45, no reports for this year.

From Lanark No. 53, for quarter No. 1 five, for quarter No. 2 four, and for quarter No. 3 three.

From Renfrew No. 56 for quarter No. 1 five, and for quarter No. 2 five.

On account of the foregoing reports and for back reports of the year 1885 there has been received up to the present time from Division Granges the sum of \$943 84, of this sum \$310 67 has been received within the present month and the larger part within the last six days. The total dues to date from both Subordinate and Division Granges are \$1084 93 being \$189 07 less than for the full year in 1885.

Taking quarter No. 1, I find that the dues received from Division

Granges will cover a membership of 3500 as in good standing at the close of that quarter, and as 152 Subordinates reported through Divisions the average membership would be 23.

But the membership shown from reports of Divisions to date however will not give a fair estimate of the total membership, as I know there are a good many Granges working in Divisions that have not reported, consequently it will be quite safe to place the present membership in Divisions at least 4,000 which added to that of Subordinates reporting direct to the Provincial would make in round numbers 4,400.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. GIFFORD, Secretary.

On motion, the Secretary's report was referred to committee on Officers' Reports.

Bro. W. F. Fisher read the Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

REPORT ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Ontario Provincial Grange.

Your Committee on Good of the Order beg to report :—

That in view of the straightened circumstances of the Superior Granges, it is important that action be taken now to amalgamate the Dominion and Provincial Granges in order that our existence as a Society may not be terminated. We also recommend that the fee for initiation into Subordinate Granges be materially reduced, and further point out that in our opinion the cost of Dispensations is inconsistent with the primary idea of economy instuted by the Grange. Your Committee are also of the opinion that the inordinate desire to make or save money at the sacrifice of all higher aims, is and has been the bane of the Grange since its inception. That in the pursuit of gain sight is lost of the social, educational and literary advantages which should be paramount, and the pecuniary advantages, though important and substantial, should be secondary to these. That an extensive system of visiting weak or dormant Granges by active members under the supervision of Division or higher Granges, would be productive of much good to the Order, and these efforts should be extended to the organization of new Granges. That in the Subordinate Granges a stricter conformity to our beautiful Ritual, and the Constitution is essential. That the time of the Grange in session would be more profitably

spent in discussing subjects of general interest to Agriculturists, not forgetting musical or literary entertainments where procurable. That subjects for discussion should be announced at a regular meeting preceding the date of discussion. That some competent member be appointed to introduce each subject, either by essay or speech; and that frequent meetings be open to the public.

We also consider it of the highest importance to our Order that every member makes use of all legitimate means to advance the interests of temperance, both in and outside of the Grange. In connection with this we would impress on your minds that it is essential to exercise that charity which worketh no ill but love to one's neighbor, which is a copy of His life who alone led a perfect life on earth.

In answer to enquiry of Bro. Glazebrook, of Division Grange No. 28, about the shipping fruit, the information asked for can be had by writing to the Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Within the last year the Government has been experimenting on the shipping of fruit from various points, the result of which will be distributed free, and can be obtained by writing for.

All of which is respectfully submitted

MRS. LETHBRIDGE,
 " BEASLEY,
 " MOFFAT,
 WM. F. FISHER,
 G. B. MILLER,
 J. P. PALMER.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that the report of the Committee on the Good of the Order lay on the table till after the reception of Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws.
 —Carried.

Bro. Robt. Wilkie submitted his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange.

PATRONS.—Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements covering a period from the 1st day of January last to the 30th day of October.

RECEIPTS.

March 3	To balance as per audit.....	\$ 201 92	
" 30	To receipts cashed	214 81	416 73

SECOND QUARTER.

June 30	To cash from Secretary.....	65 00	
	To cheques cashed	213 45	
	" "	74 40	352 85

THIRD QUARTER.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Oct. 30	To cheque cashed	247 72	
	Interest	1 50	249 22
	Total Receipts.....	\$ 1018 80	

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DISBURSEMENTS.

1886.

Jan. 15	By Paid Charles Moffat, Ex. Com....	\$ 13 50	
" "	" Thos. S. McLeod " ...	11 90	
" "	" A. Gifford " ...	13 85	
" "	" Robert Currie " ...	7 00	
19	" James Patterson, demits ...	1 35	
30	" H. Glendinning, Dom Dues	98 16	
Feb. 3	" Alexander Sunter, paper...	50	
March 1	" Wm. H. White, auditor ...	14 95	
3	" S. Ballachey, auditor	12 60	
4	" R. Wilkie, treas. salary, '85	25 00	
5	" Robert Currie, ex. com. ...	6 00	
	" Thos. S. McLeod, " ...	7 00	
	" Charles Moffat, " ...	6 00	
	" A. Gifford, aud. & ex. com.	17 00	
	" R. Wilkie, railway expenses	5 00	
	" Ch'ques pd for Dom Grange	98 00	
	" Treas. of " ...	78 92	416 73

SECOND QUARTER.

April 12	By paid C. B. Robinson, 3000 reports	28 00	
20	" Wm. Harkness, envelopes...	75	
May 12	" H. Glendinning, Dom dues	155 35	
10	" Chas. Moffat, Ex. com	11 50	
10	" Thos. S. McLeod, " ...	8 60	
10	" A. Gifford, " ...	9 25	
Sept. 6	" H. Glendinning. Dom. dues	74 40	287 85

FOURTH QUARTER.

Oct. 15	By paid C. P. R. certificates	1 50	
16	" Robert Currie, Ex. com. ...	12 50	
16	" Thos. S. McLeod " ...	9 65	
16	" Chas. Moffat " ...	11 75	
16	" A. Gifford " ...	13 00	
26	" R. Agnew	1 35	
30	" A. Gifford, Secretary's sal.	166 67	
30	" " sundries per bill	3 27	
30	" " postage to date	27 83	
30	" Treas. com. on cheque.....	25	247 97
30	Cash balance on hand		66 25

\$1018 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT. WILKIE.

On motion the Treasurer's Report was laid upon the table until after the Auditors make their report.

Moved by Bro. George Hood, seconded by Bro. R. Rix, that the Auditors' Report of March last, for the year 1885 be read by the Secretary and submitted to this Grange for consideration.—Carried.

The Secretary read Report of the Auditors for the year 1885, as submitted on the 3rd of March, 1886.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TORONTO, March 3, 1886.

To the Executive Committee of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

GENTLEMEN,—Herewith find enclosed abstract of receipts and

expenditures of the Secretary, Bro. A. Gifford, for the year 1885.

We have much pleasure in certifying to the neat and systematic manner in which the books are kept. We observe, however, that no money has been paid by him to the Dominion Secretary, when making his quarterly reports, but that such money has been promptly handed to the Treasurer of the Ontario Provincial Grange.

(Signed) W. H. WHITE, }
S. BALLACHEY, } AUDITORS.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE FOR THE YEAR 1885.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Dues from Div. Granges...\$1,167 19	Stationery\$ 3 20
Dues from Sub. Granges... 106 81	Telegrams 4 72
Blanks sold..... 10 14	Postage 27 77
Dividend G. W. S. Co..... 0 80	R. Wilkie, Treasurer..... 850 00
	Executive Committee's Exp. 57 25
	Printing 66 80
	Salaries..... 220 30
	Sundries 30 53
	Cash balance carried to 1886 11 54
	Postage Stamps carried to '86 12 83
Total\$1,284 94	Total \$1,284 94

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Ontario Provincial Grange, have examined the books and various accounts of your Secretary, Bro. A. Gifford, and compared with the vouchers produced, both in regard to receipts and expenditure, hereby certify them to be correct in every particular, and the books neatly and carefully kept.

(Signed) W. H. WHITE, }
S. BALLACHEY, } AUDITORS.

Toronto, March 3, 1886.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES OF ONTARIO PROVINCIAL
GRANGE.

1884.				
1st Quarter's	Dues to Dominion Grange,	order on Treasurer	\$190 95
2nd	"	"	paid by Secretary	\$ 97 63
3rd	"	"	"	108 60
4th	"	"	order on Treasurer.....	244 12
1885.				
1st	"	"	" 204 58
2nd	"	"	" 50 50
3rd	"	"	" 121 46
4th	"	"	paid by Secretary	98 16
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				\$ 811 61
Less Dues paid by Treasurer in 1884 and 1885				210 00
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Salaries of Master and Treasurer.....				\$ 601 61
				50 00
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				\$ 651 61
Cash in hand of Treasurer.....				201 92
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				\$ 449 69

The Secretary will have enough on hand probably to pay expenses of Audit and Executive Committee, and then meet Dues of Dominion Grange for first quarter of 1886.

Certified correct.

(Signed) W. H. WHITE, }
 S. BALLACHEY, } AUDITORS.

Toronto, March 3, 1886.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF TREASURER OF ONTARIO
PROVINCIAL GRANGE FOR THE YEAR 1885.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand from 1884 \$ 76 87	Paid delegates, annual meet- ing, 1885.....\$550 04
Received from Bro. A. Gif- ord, cash and cheques..... 1,310 34	Hall rent..... 23 00
Interest on deposits..... 2 50	Salaries..... 269 30
	Expenses of Executive Com... 57 25
	Treasurer Dominion Grange on account of dues..... 150 00
	Printing 69 80
	Stationery 5 35
	Postage 40 60
	Telegrams 4 72
	Sundries 17 73
	Balance on hand..... 201 92
\$ 1,389 71	\$ 1,389 71

We hereby certify that the above abstract is correctly taken from the Treasurer's books.

(Signed) W. H. WHITE, }
 S. BALLACHEY, } AUDITORS.

Toronto, March 3, 1886.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. Brock, that the Report of the Auditors for accounts of 1885 be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. G. J. Richmond read the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE.

Worthy Master and Patrons.

We your Committee on Agriculture beg leave to present our report. In so doing we wish to express our regret that a calling which is so universal and wide spread, is so divided in their general action. While tradesmen, mechanics and professional men, who only form a small ratio in comparison to the farming community, have their unions and combinations. We the farming community, who are said to represent seven-eighths of the population of this province, only exercise a small fraction of the influence

which we might have, were we more united in action, therefore the necessity of supporting the Grange, that we may be in a better position to make ourselves felt when any matter of vital importance arrives for our decision. But to return more closely to the subject of tilling the soil, we would suggest that in view of the present very low prices paid for all kinds of farm produce, we deem it necessary that a more thorough system of cultivation be carried into effect, that we may be enabled to raise the largest possible amount which good tillage can secure, thereby eradicating all useless and obnoxious weeds, as thorns and briars, which were pronounced as a curse upon the human race, in their pursuit of tilling the soil, on their expulsion from the Garden of Eden. There is another branch so closely connected with agriculture that we might include it as an offshoot of the same industry, viz.; the stock raising department, which promised a short time ago to be quite a remunerative one, but now, alas! in a very depressed condition. We consider that the course taken by the Dominion Parliament in leasing large tracts of land in the North West, for ranching purposes, at a mere nominal rate, is detrimental to this industry, and would suggest that this is a fit subject for your Committee on Legislation to deal with. We wish to urge upon the Provincial Grange the advisability of having more discussions upon agricultural pursuits. While committees on other subjects have had motions and amendments handed in for their consideration, the subject of agriculture has been overlooked. We hope that this important question will be more ably dealt with at future meetings.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

GEORGE J. RICHMOND.

RICHARD RIX.

ELI CRAWFORD.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Agriculture was adopted.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn submitted the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By Laws.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS.

To Ontario Provincial Grange.

We, your committee on Constitution and By-Laws, beg to report.

That we have examined the various suggestions for amendments to the Constitutions as laid before us, and also the different schemes proposed for extricating the Grange from its present condition, and while recognizing the fact that radical changes are as a rule objectionable in deliberative bodies under anything like ordinary circumstances, but inasmuch as dangerous diseases require powerful medicines to eradicate them, which frequently are not only a radical change from the ordinary course of treatment but bring about radical changes in the constitution of the patient, your committee have acted upon the maxim, believing it to be necessary to put forth an almost superhuman effort to expel the malady which threatens the life of our beloved order.

Your committee are of opinion that all are agreed that we have too much machinery and too much government, that the heart of the organization (the seat of life) is planted at too great a distance from the Head to maintain a healthy and vigorous connection between these two great essential organs, and also that the connection between the Dominion Grange and the Order in the Maritime Provinces is defective as evinced by the continued dissatisfaction prevailing over that connection both in those provinces and in Ontario, and in order to effect a reconciliation in this connection as well as heal the malady that now threatens the existence of the Order throughout the country, your committee would recommend to your favorable consideration the following changes in Constitution, viz. :

1st.—That Ontario Provincial Grange be amalgamated with the Dominion Grange.

2nd.—That the representation to such amalgamated Grange shall be direct from the Subordinate and Division Granges, each Subordinate and Division Grange in good standing being entitled to send one representative, but no delegate though he may represent more than one Grange shall cast more than one vote.

3rd.—That Division Granges shall make their returns direct to the Secretary of the amalgamated Grange paying the same Capitation tax and membership dues to the Dominion Grange they now pay to the Provincial Grange.

The Secretary of Dominion Grange shall furnish each Subordinate Grange Secretary with blank forms of certificates for delegates to Dominion Grange which shall certify over the signature of the Secretary and seal of the Grange that such delegate was duly elected and that all returns required by the constitution have been duly paid.

4th.—That the amalgamated Grange shall set apart one half of all actual receipts in a fund to be used exclusively for the payment of the expenses of delegates attending the sessions of the amalgamated Grange, and that the other half of such receipts be a general expense fund, to be used for all the legitimate purposes of the Grange, except the payment of the expenses of delegates attending its sessions.

5th.—That the payment of the expenses of delegates attending the sessions of the amalgamated Grange, from the Subordinate Grange, shall be confined to the payment of the actual and necessary Railway and Hotel fare as follows, viz. :—The Railway fare or any equal percentage thereof to be first paid, after which any portion of the fund set apart for that purpose remaining, to be applied in equitable amounts toward paying the Hotel bills of delegates until the same is paid, but in no case to exceed \$1.00 per day. But delegates from Division Granges shall not participate in the payment of expenses from the above fund, but each Division Grange sending a delegate, must provide for the expenses thereof.

6th.—That the Maritime Provincial Grange or any Provincial Grange hereafter to be organized, shall have control of its own affairs, including the framing, altering or amending of its own constitution and making of its own laws, but shall not change the name of the officers, the Ritual, or unwritten work without the consent of Dominion Grange, shall pay no capitation tax or membership dues to amalgamated Grange, but shall pay a nominal sum say \$1.00 for each Charter granted for the organization of Subordinate or Division Granges within its jurisdiction, and shall purchase its Rituals from Dominion Grange at a price that will cover the price of printing and binding the same, and shall receive from the Master of Dominion Grange the annual word, and be entitled to send two delegates to the meetings of Dominion Grange, whose expenses shall be borne by such Provincial Grange.

7th.—Should the Secretary of a Division Grange refuse or neglect to forward the reports of a Subordinate Grange, to the Dominion Grange, in time to entitle the Delegate to take his seat in such Grange, or delay the transmission of the annual word, said delegates may be seated by producing a certificate over the signature of the Secretary and seal of their Subordinate Grange, certifying that such report had been forwarded, after which such Subordinate Grange or Granges may make their returns in duplicate, forwarding one copy to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, and one to the Secretary of their Division Grange enclosing one half of the capitation tax and membership dues with each such report.

8th.—No Grange shall be entitled to representation in Dominion Grange which is in arrears for more than one quarter's reports with the capitation tax and membership dues thereof.

9th.—That the granting of dispensations to newly organized Granges be abolished, and that Charters be immediately issued upon the organization of a Grange.

10th.—That Division Granges, and Subordinate Granges not connected with a Division Grange, shall have the power to pass By-Laws reducing the initiation fee to male persons in their discretion, but in no case shall such fee be reduced below one dollar, and such reduction shall effect all Granges within the Division.

11th.—That such amalgamated Grange shall be known as, take the name of, and be the Dominion Grange.

12th.—Your committee have examined the six suggestions placed in their hands and find that all except one are covered by the foregoing amendments, and the suggestion from West Simcoe re canvassing, your committee feel would be a dangerous clause to insert and after due consideration have decided to report adversely thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. HILBORN.
CHAS. MOFFAT.
ALEX. SERVOS.
JABEL ROBINSON.
THOS. S. MCLEOD.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that the Report on Constitution and By Laws be received and laid on the table for discussion.—Carried.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, November 24th, 1886

Grange resumed business at 2 p. m., the Worthy Master in the chair.

The Report of the Committee on Constitution was taken from the table and discussed clause by clause.

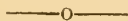
Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Thos. Reazin, for a Special Committee composed of Bros. Brock, Reazin, Beasley, Lethbridge, and the mover, to advise and report on the Amalgamation By Law submitted to last Dominion Grange for approval, and report to this Grange on the propriety of making every effort to secure the ratification of that By Law at the first session of the Dominion Grange, and that the report of Committee on Constitution and By Laws lay on the table until this committee report, which shall be not later than eight o'clock to-night.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. R. Wilkie, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that Clause No. 2 be referred back to the committee, with instructions to so amend it that the representation shall be by Divisions based upon the paid up membership of such Division.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. John Beasley, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that the membership dues and capitation tax to Dominion Grange be reduced one half.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. F. Fisher, that Clause No. 10 be amended that each Division be allowed to regulate their own dues so long as it shall not be less than the dues payable by them to the higher Granges.—Lost.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.



EVENING SESSION.

ALBION HOTEL, TORONTO, November 24th, 1886.

Grange resumed business at 8 o'clock p. m. Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. G. B. Miller submitted the Auditors' Report.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures of the Secretary of the Ontario Provincial Grange.

RECEIPTS.

Dues of Division Grange	\$ 633 17
Dues of Subordinate Granges	135 59
From Printed Matter	8 45
From Sundries	38 17
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	\$ 815 38

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Secretary of Dominion Grange.....	\$ 327 91
Executive Committee expenses	158 50
To sundry expenses.....	3 27
Per Stamps and Cards	27 83
Printing	33 65
Salaries	199 22
Cheque to Treasurer	65 00
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	\$815 38

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

Nov. 3	Cash from last audit	\$ 201 82
" 30	Cheques	214 81
June 30	do	65 00
" 30	Cheques paid	213 45
	do	74 40
Oct. 30	do	247 72
	Interest.....	1 50
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		\$1018 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid expenses of Executive Committee	\$ 158 50
" Secretary of Dominion Grange.....	504 83
" Salaries	224 22
" Printed Matter	33 65
" Postage	27 83
" Sundries	3 52
Balance on hand	66 25
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	\$ 1018 80

Your auditors after a careful examination of the books of your Secretary and Treasurer and having compared them with the vouchers are much pleased to report that we find them both correct in every particular, and do hereby give an abstract of the receipts and expenditure up to the 30th of October 1886.

G. B. MILLER.
JOHN BEASLEY.

On motion report was adopted.

Bro. J. Beasley submitted report of the Committee on Education.

Moved by Bro. R. Menary seconded by Bro. J. Beasley, that the report of the Education Committee be received, adopted as amended, and entered upon the minutes and a copy to be sent to the Minister of Education.—Carried.

NOTE.—*The report of Committee on Education never came into the possession of the Secretary of Dominion Grange, who prepared these minutes for the printer.—H. J.*

Bro. E. M. Chrysler submitted Report of Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORT ON WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange.

We your committee on Ways and Means and Officers Salaries, beg leave to report that we regret to find by the Secretary's report a large falling off in the active membership of the Grange, and consequently a great reduction in the receipts which calls for strict economy. We therefore recommend that the Officers salaries be as follows:—Secretary \$100.00, Master \$10.00, Treasurer \$20.00, and the Executive Committee be allowed \$1.50 per day and Railway fare while attending the meetings of convention. We would further recommend that the Provincial Grange pay the railway fare of the delegates to this Grange so far as the funds of the Grange will permit, leaving the Division Granges to provide the balance of expenses for their respective delegates. We would also recommend that the suggestion sent in by Division Grange No. 21 with reference to cancelling the debt of Ontario Provincial Grange by the Dominion Grange be sent to that body for their consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. CHRYSLER.
GEO. LETHBRIDGE.
GEO. HOOD.
JAS. ALLAN.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. W. Brock, that Bros. Moffat and Servos be a committee to examine the Secretary's books and report what number of delegates we are entitled to send to Dominion Grange.—Carried.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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THIRD DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Thursday November 25th, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

Worthy Master in the chair.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's session which was adopted.

Moved by Bro. W. Brock, seconded by Bro. Alex. Servos, that the Auditors of Provincial Grange accounts audit the accounts to date.—Carried.

Bro. Mencke submitted a Report of Committee on Legislation.

NOTE.—This Report never came into the possession of the Secretary of Dominion Grange.—H. G.

Moved by Bro. J. Allan, seconded by Bro. T. Reazin, that Clause No. 1 of Report upon Legislation be referred back to Committee to give a more explicit scheme, showing what reduction in the number of County Councillors or Commissioners they desire.—Carried.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, resumed reading the report, clause by clause.

On motion a number of clauses were adopted.

Report No. 5 of committee on credentials was read by Bro. Robinson.

REPORT NO. 5 ON CREDENTIALS.

Bro. W. T. PATULLOALTON P. O.....Orangeville, Division No. 16
 Sister T. S. McLEOD,DALSTONN. Simcoe, " 20

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. DEWAR,
 CHAS. MOFFAT,
 JABEL ROBINSON.

Bro. A. Servos submitted Report of Committee on Delegates to the Dominion Grange.

REPORT ON DELEGATION.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange.

Your committee appointed to ascertain and report upon the number of delegates to be elected to the Dominion Grange, beg leave to report, that having examined the Secretary's books find that this Grange is entitled to send eight delegates to the Dominion Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. SERVOS.
 CHAS. MOFFAT.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Thursday, November 25th, 1886.

Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. Fisher submitted report of committee on good of the order for final consideration.

On motion report was adopted.

Bro. Hilborn, by request, again read the Report of Committee on

Constitution and By-Laws.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that the Report on Constitution and By-Laws be now adopted as a whole.

The yeas and nays being demanded they stood thus:—

Yeas—27. Nays, 1—R. J. Doyle.

The Master declared the Report on Constitution and By Laws carried.

NOTE.—The Secretary of Ontario Provincial Grange did not record the names of those voting yea, but recorded the one voting nay.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. E. M. Chrysler, that we now proceed to elect Delegates to Dominion Grange.—C'd.

The Auditors reported the amount of cash on hand in the treasury of Ontario Provincial Grange \$263 20.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. H. Glendinning and S. W. Hill scrutineers.

Moved by Bro. T. Reazin, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, that all members voting for delegates to Dominion Grange or for offices, shall vote for the full number of delegates to be elected, otherwise their ballots shall not be considered by the scrutineers.—Lost.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. Brock, that all delegates elected by this Grange be held morally responsible to this Grange for the faithful advocacy, the use of their utmost ability to secure the full adoption of the Report of Constitution and By Laws by the Dominion Grange, and its incorporation in the constitution thereof.—Lost.

The Grange then proceeded to ballot for delegates to Dominion Grange.

Before the election was closed, Bro. S. W. Hill asked to be relieved from the position of Scrutineer to attend to other business, whereupon Bro. Geo. L. Sellers was appointed in his place.

While the ballots were being counted by the scrutineers, Bro. T. Reazin gave a very interesting report of their manner of shipping grain and disposing of it by the Grange Wholesale Supply Co., of Toronto.

The Scrutineers reported the following members elected delegates to Dominion Grange:—Bros. T. S. McLeod, E. H. Hilborn, Chas. Moffat, Alex. Servos, Jabel Robinson, Robert Wilkie, Thos. Reazin, and Geo. Lethbridge.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Thursday, November 25th, 1836.

Grange resumed business, the Worthy Master in the chair.

On motion, clause No. 1 of Report on Legislation was adopted.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. Geo. Hood, that the Committee on Legislation be requested to amend clause No. 2 of their report, to provide that the real estate owner be assessed for the value less the amount of encumbrance, and to provide for the assessment of mortgages and debentures.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that the Committee on Legislation be requested to add a clause to their report recommending the government to make the Torrens System of land transfer general throughout the Province.—Carried.

On motion the Report of Committee on Legislation was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Jno. Beasley, seconded by Bro. Robert McMordie, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Premier to-morrow morning, to press upon the Government the views of the Grange as set forth in the report of the Committee on Legislation.

The following committee were appointed by the Worthy Master and Overseer to wait upon the Government:—Bros. McMordie, Doyle and Robinson.

Bro. Chas. Moffat submitted Report of Committee on Officers' reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

To the Worthy Master and Patrons of Ontario Provincial Grange.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports have much pleasure in calling the attention of all Patrons of Husbandry to the Worthy Master's address. The very many valuable suggestions which we are pleased to find bristling from it at every point, encourages us to recommend that the thanks of this Grange be tendered to the Worthy Master for the zeal that he has manifested, and for the studious exertions he has exhibited in devoting so much of his talent for the good of our Order.

The Report of the Executive Committee we find to be very full and explicit, and fully exonerates them from all blame in not calling this Grange together earlier in the year, but on account of the action of this Grange anent amalgamation with the Dominion Grange, we feel diffident in advising the suggestions contained therein, as we consider it would be more within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Grange to take action there anent.

Your committee in examining the Secretary's report regret to find so much delinquency on the part of the Division Secretaries, in forwarding their reports, and have only to express the hope that the new state of affairs that is about to be inaugurated, will have the effect of completely curing this lamentable state of affairs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. MOFFAT.

THOS. REAZIN.

ROBT. MANERY.

On motion report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Jabel Robinson, that the Executive Committee of the Ontario Provincial Grange be instructed to examine fully into the amount of funds required to place the Provincial Grange in good standing, and report to-morrow.—Carried.

On resolution the old officers were re-elected by one ballot.

Moved by Bro. R. McMordie, seconded by Bro. Jno. Beasley, that a committee consisting of Bros. McLeod, Hilborn and Robinson be appointed to prepare a report upon these Laws which are consider-

ed a grievance to the agricultural community, and to prepare a series of questions to be addressed to candidates for our Local and Dominion Legislatures by their constituents requesting their approval or disapproval of the same previous to the election. The committee to report to Dominion Grange, and they (Dominion Grange) send out such circulars forthwith.—Carried.

NOTE.—*The above committee never reported to Dominion Grange owing to the loss of the reports on Legislation and Education.*—H. G.

On motion the Ontario Provincial Grange closed its fifth annual session.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

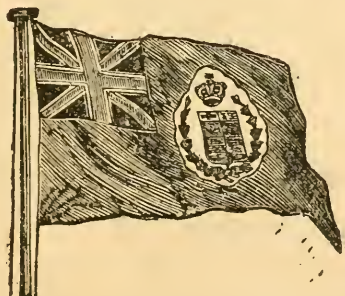
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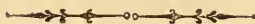


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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1887.



<i>Master</i>	BRO. CHARLES MOFFAT ...	Edge Hill, Ont.
<i>Overseer</i>	" THOS. S. McLEOD	Dalston, "
<i>Secretary</i>	" HY. GLENDINNING ...	Manilla, "
<i>Treasurer</i>	" J. P. BULL	Davenport, "
<i>Lecturer</i>	" THOS. REAZIN	Cashtown, "
<i>Chaplain</i>	" GEO. LETHBRIDGE.....	Strathburn, "
<i>Steward</i>	" ALEX. SERVOS	Niagara, "
<i>Ass't Steward</i>	" WM. BROCK	Adelaide, "
<i>Gate Keeper</i>	" ROBT. CURRIE.....	Wingham "
<i>Ceres</i>	SISTER C. MOFFAT	Edge Hill, "
<i>Pomona</i>	" G. LETHBRIDGE	Strathburn, "
<i>Flora</i>	" T. S. McLEOD	Dalston, "
<i>L. A. Steward</i>	" T. REAZIN	Cashtown, "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. ROBT. WILKIE	Blenheim, "
" E. H. HILBORN	Uxbridge, "

AUDITORS.

BRO. THOS. S. McLEOD	Dalston, "
" W. N. HARRIS	Toronto, "

DOMINION GRANGE.

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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.
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FIRST DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO.

Thursday, November 23th, 1886.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Dominion Grange met in the Temperance Hall, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Worthy Master, Bro. Robt. Wilkie, in the chair.

Upon the roll of officers being called the following responded:—

<i>Overseer</i>	
<i>Secretary</i>	BRO. HY. GLENDINNING ...Manilla, Ont.
<i>Treasurer</i>	
<i>Lecturer</i>	" CHAS. MOFFATEdge Hill, "
<i>Chaplain</i>	" GEO. LETHBRIDGE.....Strathburn, "
<i>Steward</i>	" T. S. MCLEODDalston, "
<i>Ass't Steward</i>	
<i>Gate-Keeper</i>	
<i>Ceres</i>	SISTER G. LETHBRIDGEStrathburn, "
<i>Pomona</i>	" T. S. MCLEODDalston, "
<i>Flora</i>	" C. MOFFATEdge Hill, "
<i>L. A. Steward</i>	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. JABEL ROBINSON	Middlemarch
" ROBT. CURRIE	Wingham, "

AUDITORS.

BRO. CHAS. MOFFAT	Edge Hill,	"
" T. S. MCLEOD	Dalston,	"

The Worthy Master appointed the following Brothers and Sisters to fill the vacant offices *pro tem*.

<i>Overscer</i>	BRO. G. L. SELLERS	River John, N.S.
<i>Ass't Steward</i>	" ALEX. SERVOS.....	Niagara, Ont.
<i>Gate-Keeper</i>	" THOS. REAZIN	Cashtown, "
<i>L. A. Steward</i>	SISTER G. L. SELLERS	River John, N.S.

Grange was opened in due form.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Jabel Robinson, and Robt. Currie a committee on Credentials.

The Committee upon Credentials reported the following:—

DELEGATES FROM ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

BRO. T. S. MCLEOD	Dalston.
" E. H. HILBORN	Uxbridge.
" CHAS. MOFFAT	Edge Hill.
" ALEX. SERVOS	Niagara.
SISTER T. S. MCLEOD	Dalston.
" CHAS. MOFFAT	Edge Hill.

FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

BRO. G. L. SELLERS	River John, N.S.
SISTER G. L. SELLERS.....	River John, N.S.

Upon motion, the Report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. G. L. Sellers, that this Grange adjourn to meet on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 9.30 o'clock a. m.—Carried.

SECOND DAY.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Saturday, November 27th, 1886.

MORNING SESSION.

Grange met as per adjournment, at 9.30 a. m.

Worthy Master, Bro. Robt. Wilkie, in the chair.

Grange opened in due form.

Minutes of the 25th inst. read by the Secretary, and approved.

The Committee upon Credentials reported the following additional delegates present and entitled to take their seats.

FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

BRO. T. R. JONES	Middleton, N. S.
SISTER T. R. JONES	Middleton, N. S.

FROM ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

SISTER E. H. HILBORN	Uxbridge, Ont.
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Upon motion, the Report was adopted.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Hilborn, and Robinson a Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Bro. C. Moffat, seconded by Bro. Alex. Servos, that the minutes of last annual meeting, as printed, be adopted.—Carried

The Worthy Master delivered the following address.

MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Patrons,—

We have again met together in this the twelfth annual meeting of the Dominion Grange.

In looking back over the past year we have many reasons to feel thankful to the Great Master of the universe for the favours we have received.

The earth has supplied us with a fair yield of its fruits, and we have escaped the devastation of floods and storms and other com-

motions of nature, which have swept away the hopes and expectations of many of our fellow-men, and left want and desolation in their track.

With these blessings and advantages, and with the labours of an industrious and intelligent people carefully directed, our country cannot fail to enjoy a fair degree of prosperity, and perhaps in no country is there to be found less poverty and real destitution than in the agricultural districts of Canada. The necessities of life are cheap, and there is work for all who want it at such wages as the farmer can afford to pay. There is therefore no reason why any should want, unless through misfortune or infirmities they are unable to work.

And just here I would like to call attention to the fact that in many sections of this country no proper provisions for the care of this class of unfortunates have been made, and while the criminals of our country are comfortably cared for, the honest poor are unprovided for. We are told that the poor we have always with us. This being the case, such of them as are really needy should be properly cared for at the public expense.

However, while there is no reason why any should want who are able to work, this is nevertheless a country where man must labor to live, and the wealthy amongst farmers are comparatively few. Tact, good management and a degree of frugality are indispensable to success.

There has been far too much boasting about the condition of the farmers in this country, and the result is that a false impression has gone abroad of the amount of wealth which exists amongst them. It is said that in addition to their valuable farms large amounts lie to their credit in the banks. But the money thus deposited is very often intended to meet mortgages which are coming due and other liabilities of a like nature which are maturing against their property, and which they are struggling to wipe out.

Doubtless a very large amount of capital is invested in farming, but much of it belongs to capitalists and is only loaned on the land—a very large portion of which is under mortgage, much greater than most of people suppose. And much of it is hopelessly sunk. The only hope that still remains in many cases is that the land may be sold for something more than the amount of encumbrance.

If any one doubts this, let him turn to the number of advertisements of farms for sale. The newspapers are full of them, and hundreds of land agents throughout the country are furnishing long lists free to any expectant purchaser. The owners of these lands are not men who are retiring on their fortunes, nor are they men who desire to engage in other pursuits. A large proportion of them are men who are selling to save the little which still remains, there being no longer any hope of saving the farm. A great deal

of the money loaned on Canadian farms belongs to men in other countries, and is loaned by agents and monetary institutions. In such cases the capital invested does not belong to the farmer; in some cases his interest in the land is very small, the balance belonging to the money lender, the farmer having the right to repurchase, or call it redemption if you like.

But who pays the taxes? The farmer pays it all—pays taxes on the full cash valuation, whilst the money lender, if he pays anything, pays only on the interest he collects.

But there is a great amount of capital invested in land, stock, and implements, which belong to the tillers of the soil of this Dominion. The actual return from this investment, after counting out the value of labour expended and contingent expenses of farm operations, is perhaps less than from the same amount invested in any other industry. There is nothing more uncertain than the returns of the farm. It may be tilled in the very best manner, the crops may be sown with the greatest judgment and care; but the misfortune of a wet season or a protracted drought, or the ravages of insects, may render the whole unprofitable. But the work has to be done. The crop must be harvested. What there is must be taken care of, for "half a loaf is better than no bread," and if there is but little there is more need for it. The price of produce has much to do with the profit of the farm, and the farmer has the option of taking the dealer's prices or keeping his produce. For what he buys he pays the price fixed by others, and for what he sells it is the same. In both cases it is often fixed by rings and combinations, and all he can do as an individual is to submit.

It is not easy to find a remedy for these difficulties, but most certainly, if any can be brought about, it must be by organization. Singly and alone, the farmer can never cope with the overwhelming odds that is pitted against him. The world of to-day seems to be run by rings and monster combinations. Every class is organized. The labourers are organized. The mechanics, the dealers, the doctors, the lawyers,—all trades, occupations and professions have their active organizations of some kind, and are keenly alive to their advantages.

The farmer alone seems to be the only man who looks on with indifference; and with amazing innooence he argues that there is no necessity for these organizations, that the world is none the better for them; that there was no such nonsense in olden times, and he will neither aid nor countenance the like. He does not seem to realize that the world of to-day is not like the world of olden times, nor that the net is weaving around him.

Immense amounts of capital are gathered together and thrown into huge enterprises. And these again are amalgamated and placed under one board of management, being more easily controlled in

this manner and competition reduced to a minimum or entirely destroyed. Some instances of such combinations will be fresh in everyone's mind. The salt monopoly which existed prior to the opening of the Grange salt works, at Kincardine, had forced the price of salt up to \$1.50 per barrel, but as soon as the Grange works opened it fell nearly to one-third of that price, and the salt trade has been completely demoralized ever since. Last summer there was a ring or combination amongst the manufacturers of binders, and during its existence nothing less than \$200 would purchase a binder; but it went to pieces when they found they could not sell at these prices, and were likely to be left with a large number on their hands, and in some instances they were sold for about half that price.

Lately a combination has been perfected amongst the cotton manufacturers, and prices have materially advanced, and it may be long before they are so low again as the late prices.

Amongst the rings or combinations we might almost class the lawyers, or the law which we get at their hands. Our legislatures, which are composed chiefly of lawyers, have tinkered and amended and enacted laws until they are so perfect that they are a perfect uncertainty. They are like the man's tree that stood so straight that it leaned the other way. The law has become a terror to the poor man, for in most of cases to him it means ruin. This has become so well understood that thousands suffer grievances rather than appeal to the tribunals which ought to enforce justice, for "when they ask for bread they receive a stone."

The courts are conducted much on the principle of a debating club, the chairman of which decides according to the arguments brought before him, quite irrespective of right or wrong. And those who are dissatisfied may appeal to another tribunal, and continue the argument, if they can stand the expense, and in the end they will discover that law and justice are quite distinct.

The railways, though of great utility, are perhaps the most grinding monopoly in this country. Hundreds of millions of the people's money have been given to assist in their construction, much of it on specific conditions which have been systematically disregarded and tantalizingly set aside and the people's rights completely ignored. They do as they like and charge as they please, but always against local trade and traffic, charges often being so high as to preclude the possibility of profitably shipping over their lines between local points.

Our parliaments are composed largely of the hirelings of railway companies, and the laws are made to suit the purposes of their employers. All railroad law is made in the interests of the railroads, so any appeal to the courts is all but useless, and if they are beaten in one court they carry it to the next, so nothing but corporations or wealthy individuals are able to stand the expense.

How long are such abuses to continue? How long will farmers continue to fill our legislative chambers with professional men, whose interests run opposite to their own, and who are paid to deprive them of right and justice?

In every country are to be found men well qualified to represent the agricultural interests of the country, men who have no conflicting interests with the farmers, men whose interests are identical with their own, and who would represent them with fidelity and ability.

Why are they not selected for this purpose? The answer, I fear, in many instances, is to be found in too strict an adherence to party politics.

Rather than support one who had not been identified with their own political party they support one less suitable, or whose services may be engaged against their interests.

Party politics are the bane of the country. It is often said there must be two political parties always. I cannot see it in this light.

Political parties in Canada have not always been divided by principles; they have been divided by men. Measures should divide irrespective of where they come from, and this is not always the case. Experience has shown it to be seldom the case. The people should support the right, irrespective of where it comes from. No party is always right nor no party always wrong, and right and wrong will be found with both parties.

The people as a body honestly desire to support what is right. Why, then, is there so much contention—so much bitter party feeling on this subject more than any other? When our intentions are alike why cannot we see alike? The reason, I believe, is because we are differently informed; we draw our conclusions from our information and they are not the same. Our people are an intelligent people, and a reading people; but their reading is largely from party newspapers, which unfortunately are so biassed that they mislead their readers. And thus their knowledge of party men and matters is drawn from an over zealous partisan press from month to month and from year to year, until they become so prejudiced that they will believe nothing else nor hear anything else.

Were we only to use a little common-sense we would notice that in all other respects men of both parties are about alike. The men who support one party are about as good and intelligent as those who support the other, and if we could only get at the honest, naked truth, without colouring or distortion, we would be very likely to arrive at very nearly the same conclusion, and could with feeling of greater confidence uphold what we believed to be right and condemn what we thought wrong.

But the information we can at present gather from the political press of either party is so garbled, warped and one-sided that any unprejudiced mind must receive it with great uncertainty.

If we could only cast aside this party nonsense, and break loose

from that partyism, with which most of us are more or less (perhaps unwittingly) affected, and work together for our common good and good of our country, instead of in opposite directions, how much more good we could accomplish. The Grange has done some good in this respect, but much more yet remains to be accomplished; and I am happy to know that there is a growing feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction with the unfair and bitterly hostile course pursued by the partisan press of this country.

In this connection I wish strongly to recommend to your generous support the Grange press of both Canada and the United States, which furnishes an abundance of good, sound, non-partisan reading for all. None can carefully peruse these papers without improving their minds, and gathering ideas useful to them in the pursuits of their calling as tillers of the soil. They are also the best means of disseminating Grange principles, strengthening the Order, and carrying to the thousands both within and without our gates the true principles we are contending for, as well as the best thoughts of the many who contribute to their columns.

The subject of Forestry should receive more attention than it does from our people. The natural forest, which formerly clothed the face of this country, is fast disappearing. In some localities it is already gone, and the natural results are as sure to follow as the changes of the seasons. In the best agricultural parts of the country its effects will be more marked, as less timber will be left standing than in the more rocky and rugged sections. It is not easy to convince the farmer, who has spent the early and best portion of his life in unceasing warfare against it, that it is beneficial to him. But every one should know that, as the forest disappears, there is less moisture in the atmosphere, more violent changes in the weather, more destructive storms, and more protracted droughts. The older portions of the country can no longer produce the vegetable growth of former years. That this is not wholly due to deterioration in the soil is proven by the fact that lands from which isolated reserves of timber have been cut, and which are fresh and newly brought into cultivation, are not so productive as similar lands formerly were.

Much valuable information on this important subject may be had by writing to R. W. Phipps, No. 233, Richmond Street West, Toronto, for his report on Forestry, which will be sent free.

A delegation from the Trades and Labor Council met your Executive Committee last September, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of their organization and the Grange working in concert and strengthening each other.

It was found that, in some respects, both were laboring for the same objects, as, for instance, bringing the producer and consumer more directly together, and the abolition of monopolies. The delegation felt sanguine that, by a system of co-operative manufactur-

ing, no increase in the price of their productions need take place, whilst the employees would receive better remuneration for their labor than now. Time would not permit a full and thorough comparison of the workings and practical tendencies of the labor organizations, nor those of the Grange, as the questions are of such magnitude, and their effects so widespread.

Co-operation is one of the planks in the Grange platform, and should have its support, if conducted in a fair and equitable manner; but it may be some time before the farmer can obtain his supplies from this source; and, while we wish our friends success in their enterprises, and would willingly extend them our sympathy, we cannot deny that the subject is beset with difficulties and uncertainties, in which foresight, prudence perseverance and good management will find ample scope for exercise.

Just how far the interests of the farmer and those of the labour organizations could be brought to run parallel is a question of uncertainty. The great bulk of farm products finds consumption abroad, and must compete with productions of cheap labour from all parts of the world in foreign markets. Any increase in the price of labour to the farmer could only be detrimental, unless compensation equal to such increase could be obtained from some other source, the amount of home consumption being so small as to be quite insufficient; and it is not easy to discover where it can be found. The short hours and higher wages of the towns have been the effect of attracting the labour from the country, and is the cause of so much destitution and pauperism during the dull season. Many of those who are without the means of support could find sufficient employment in the country, where living is much cheaper than in the towns, if they would accept such wages as the farmer could afford to pay, and they would be better off in the end; but the farmer would be unwise to pay more than labour was worth to him, unless, perhaps, during the pressure of harvest operations, when the safety of the year's crops were at risk.

I attended the meeting of the National Grange, held in Boston last year, and received a great deal of courtesy and kind treatment from every one during my week's stay amongst them. I found there a large and intelligent body of Patrons, earnestly and harmoniously working in the cause of the agriculturists of their country. The condition of the Order, like that of our own, differed in different localities—in some States it was reported vigorous and aggressive; in others, dull and weak. A revived and increasing interest was reported from some states, where previously the Order had been losing ground.

It would have given me much pleasure to have been present at the recent meeting held in Philadelphia, (as I intended to,) but I was unable to get there.

A number of questions were submitted for decision to myself

and the Executive Committee since last meeting of this Dominion Grange. They were duly considered and decided. These decisions will be laid before you by the Executive Committee for your ratification or rejection.

I regret that the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange could not be held at the usual time. However, the Executive Committee held a meeting, and caused the accounts of the Grange to be audited, and sent to the Granges throughout the Dominion, together with a circular giving the reasons for not holding the meeting at the usual time. This meeting has been called at the earliest date possible, and I trust the time will not be found inconvenient for the members, and the snow blockades which have heretofore been the cause of inconvenience will be obviated.

I regret to say that the condition of the Grange is not wholly satisfactory, and this seems to arise from natural causes rather than from any general reason.

Where Granges are new they are in a flourishing state, whilst among the older Granges there is a good deal of dullness and dormancy. The secretaries have a good deal to do, and, in many instances, they receive no remuneration, often not even the thanks of their Grange. The best of secretaries will become weary of this, and refuse any longer to act; and others are elected in their places who sometimes neither know nor care much about their duty. The habit of reporting only at the end of the year, instead of quarterly, as called for by the Constitution, seems to have become very general; this is improper and inconvenient.

Again, it is well known to any one who has had much to do with societies or associations of men of any kind, that the weight of the trouble, and work of keeping them in active operation generally, devolves upon a few (and this will be found to be the case, as a rule, all the way from the church to the agricultural society, as well as the Grange); if these few relax their energies, and no one else steps into their places, indifference generally sets in and bad results follow. The visits of active members from neighboring Granges, or adjoining Divisions, might often revive the interest in these failing Granges, and restore their lost energy. But it is one of the questions that requires the best consideration of the Grange, and I hope that effective means may be devised for its accomplishment.

Much time has been spent in changes of the Constitution; that some of it has been unnecessary I think nearly all will admit. But some changes have become necessary, at this time, to reduce the expense and adjust it to our income.

In laying down the gavel, I desire to thank the members for their kindness and assistance, and I trust, on my own part, nothing has been said or done that cannot be overlooked. And I am pleased to say, that throughout a somewhat extensive correspondence, run-

ning into hundreds of letters, I have experienced nothing but courtesy and civility. And in conclusion, I hope you may be able to devise and mature such measures as will establish strength and harmony in the Grange throughout the Dominion.

R. WILKIE.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. McLeod, that the address of the Worthy Master be referred to its appropriate committee.—Carried.

Bro. Jabel Robinson read the report of the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the Dominion Grange.

We your Executive Committee beg leave to make the following Report:—

We regret very much that we cannot at this time congratulate the Order on any large additions to our membership although quite a number of new Granges have been organized since our last meeting, quite a large number have failed to send in any reports, and we take it for granted that they are not holding their regular meetings, although but very few have surrendered their charters.

The welfare of our Order depends on the strength and life of the Subordinate Grange. When these are not in a prosperous and satisfactory condition, it is useless to expect that the higher granges can accomplish that amount of good for which they were established, and we trust that this Grange will take some steps whereby dormant Granges may be brought into active life. We also regret that for Constitutional reasons, we have been obliged to postpone the meeting of the Dominion Grange until the present time, and we hope that the Constitution will be so amended that future Executive Committees will not have the same difficulties to contend with.

Your Committee felt that it was necessary under the present circumstances to curtail the expenses as much as possible. We therefore deputed the Master and Secretary whenever the welfare of the Order would not be impaired thereby, to settle all questions by correspondence, consequently only five Executive Committee meetings have been held since the last meeting of the Dominion Grange.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of last year's proceedings to a number of printing offices and state that we required tenders at per page, for 2,000 copies. H. R. Lack, of Cannington, was the lowest tender, and received the contract, and had

the copy for some time when he gave up the contract ; and the contract was finally awarded to Blackett Robinson, who completed them in a very satisfactory manner, at a cost of \$85.80.

A charter was granted to the Granges in the County of Renfrew to organize a Division Grange.

The Secretary was instructed to write to all the deputies in the Dominion, calling their attention to the fact that many Granges had become dormant, and that there were many localities where Subordinate Granges could be formed if an effort were made in that direction, and that the sum of six dollars be allowed for organization.

A number of constitutional questions were submitted by Bro. Edwin S. Creed, of Newport, N. S. The following decisions were rendered, and become part of the Parliamentary Guide, providing they receive the sanction of this meeting of the Dominion Grange :

No. 1.—A delegate can sit and take part in all the proceedings of the Division Grange, without the annual word, by presenting his credentials from his Subordinate Grange.

No. 2.—The Master of a Subordinate Grange, not being present at a meeting of the Division Grange, a delegate may receive the annual password in cypher, in a sealed envelope, from the Master of the Division Grange, to be delivered by him to the Master of his Subordinate Grange.

No. 3.—It requires seven members of the Grange to which they belong, to constitute a quorum, nor can a Grange be opened with a less number for initiation, recusitation or otherwise.

No. 4.—The Parliamentary Guide shall be considered authority in all constitutional matters whenever it does not conflict with the constitution, but inasmuch as the constitution is changed, so often, without reference to the Parliamentary Guide, therefore discrepancies sometimes occur.

No. 5.—Whenever seven members, who formerly belonged to an extinct Grange, make application to the Secretary of their Division Grange for organization, the Charter, Seal Books, Jewels &c., that have been surrendered, shall be returned to them and they shall pay the sum of two dollars to the deputy, for reorganization.

It was also resolved that either the badge or the sash and pouch may be worn by members of the Order as Regalia.

The Secretary was instructed to send two copies of the Revised Constitution to all Granges in good standing.

The Executive Committee of Ontario Provincial Grange invited your Committee to proceed with them to the office of the *Rural Canadian* with a view of making it the Official Organ of your Order. The publisher made a very liberal offer, but we are not in a position to say if definite arrangements have been made.

Jan. 15th, 1886, the following resolution was sent to your Committee:—"That owing to arrears of reports and dues from Division Granges, it would be injudicious to hold the Provincial Grange meeting at the usual time. While we regret the necessity for this step, we recognize that no other course is open to us. To call a meeting without sufficient funds to pay delegates according to the requirements of the Constitution, we deem would be most unfair to delegates from a distance. Signed, A. Gifford, Secretary of Ontario Provincial Grange."

In consequence of the above resolution, your Committee were unable to hold the annual meeting at the usual time, but considered it their duty to have the books of the Secretary and Treasurer audited and forward the Auditors' Report with the Secretary and Treasurer's statement to all the Subordinate Granges in the Dominion.

Your Committee went carefully over the work of the last Session of the Dominion Grange, and selected from the various reports such matter as we considered requisite to lay before our Legislators, and had it printed in circular form and a copy sent to each member of the Government, also to each member of the House of Commons, and we are pleased to state that some of our requests have been acceded to.

Sister Christina Moffat, of Edge Hill, Ont., who so ably fills the office of Flora in this Grange, has written three essays on the Goddesses of Fruit, Flowers and Grain, and generously presented them to the Dominion Grange. They have been published together in book form and are now being sold at the small price of twenty cents each or \$1.50 per doz. We trust that our member will appreciate her noble efforts for the good of our Order and secure a copy of this excellent little book. Orders must be sent to H. Glendinning, Manilla, Ont.

Your Committee have decided that for the charter and outfit for new Division Granges, the sum of \$5.00 must be paid. We have carefully corrected the ritual and ordered a new edition which is now in the hands of the printer.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JABEL ROBINSON,
ROBERT CURRIE.

On motion the Report of the Executive Committee was received.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendinning, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, That the thanks of this Grange is due and hereby tendered to Sister Christina Moffat, of Edge Hill, Ont., for her very excellent and able essays on Flora, Ceres, and Pomona, she has so generously giv-

en the Grange for publication and distribution to the Patrons of Husbandry throughout the Dominion.—Carried.

Bro. Chas. Moffat replied to the above motion, on behalf of Sister Moffat, in a few choice words, thanking the Grange for its recognition of her efforts to advance the interests of the Order from a Social, Educational, and Literary standpoint.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn read the Report of Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees.

REPORT.

To the Dominion Grange of Canada.

We, your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees, beg leave to submit the following report:—

Bros. J. Robinson and G. L. Sellers.

Officers' Reports and Salaries.

Bros. T. S. McLeod, R. Currie, and T. R. Jones.

Good of the Order.

Bros. Alex. Servos, T. Reazin, and W. Brock.

Constitution and By-Laws.

Bros. E. H. Hilborn, T. R. Jones, C. Moffat, A. Servos, and G. L. Sellers.

Agriculture, Education, Legislation, and Monopolies.

Bros. J. Robinson, R. Currie, T. S. McLeod, R. Wilkie, and T. R. Jones.

Temperance.

Bro. H. Glendinning, Sisters Sellers, Lethbridge, Hilborn, and Reazin.

Home and Grange Attractions.

Sisters Moffat, McLeod, Jones, Sellers, Hilborn, Reazin, and Lethbridge.

Finance and Mileage.

Bros. C. Moffat, T. S. McLeod, and G. Lethbridge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JABEL ROBINSON,
E. H. HILBORN.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bros. G. L. Sellers and T. R. Jones each addressed the Grange for a short time in reference to the Order in the Maritime Provinces.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, November 27th, 1886.

The Worthy Master, Bro. R. Wilkie, called the Grange to order.

The Secretary read the following communication from Mr. David Hastings, Secretary Treasurer of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress; also their platform which will be found further on in these proceedings.:

Office of the Secretary Treasurer,
Dominion Trades and Labor Congress,
55 Oak Street, Toronto.

November 25th, 1886.

To the Secretary of the Dominion Grange.

Dear Sir,—I beg to submit, for the consideration of your honorable body, the enclosed platform of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in accordance with the arrangement made with your Executive Committee. I trust that it will receive favorable consideration at your hands, and that the Dominion Grange and the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress may be able to co-operate for their mutual benefit.

I have the honor to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

DAVID HASTINGS,

Secretary Treasurer,

55 Oak Street.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. C. Moffat, that the communication from the Trades and Labor Congress be referred to a special committee.—Carried.

The Secretary read a number of notices of motion to change constitution.

Bro. H. Glendinning read his annual report as Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

As Secretary I present to you the Twelfth Annual Report of the Dominion Grange, covering a term of nearly twenty-one months. Since the last annual session there has been an increase in Granges, organized in the Dominion, of one Division and twenty Subordinate Granges, which have been distributed as follows:—In Ontario one Division and six Subordinates, the Maritime Provinces twelve Subordinates, and in Manitoba two Subordinate Granges, making a total of 921 Subordinate, 56 Division, 2 Provincial and 1 Dominion Grange organized in Canada since the year 1874.

A good deal has been heard of the Subordinate Granges becoming dormant, and which no doubt there is a good deal of truth in, but during the interim since last annual meeting of Dominion Grange, there has not been notice given of the surrender of a single Charter, from which I conclude that although there is a good deal of lethargy amongst the members of many Subordinate Granges, yet they are not willing to surrender their Charters, and they remain nominal members of the Order, only requiring some one or two persons in each Subordinate Grange to take an active interest in the work and set them out again with new life.

Short crops and low prices have had much to do with the decay of the Grange in many parts of the Dominion, but by the time good crops and prices return the Grange is in a dormant state, and so little interest is manifested by the bulk of the members that those who lead in the Subordinate Grange is discouraged: this should be a lesson to show the rock so many have been wrecked upon. As great as the financial advantages are, by following out the co-operative principle, it shows that something should be established that would not be so easily affected by any great financial depression that may visit our country. I know of nothing better to sustain the Grange than the intellectual and social element, it should be more generally cultivated, if this was followed out our members would be taught to look more closely after the farmers' interests and protect them from the aggression of other interests. Where Granges have followed this out the result is our members are reading and thinking for themselves, and expressing their ideas, thus moulding public sentiment in the interests of agriculture, which I am convinced will eventually relieve it of many of the burdens which now retard the improvement of the conditions of the farmers of the Dominion. The Dominion Grange has time:

after time most emphatically placed upon record by the adoption of reports at its annual sessions, upon every question pertaining to the agricultural interests as well as the monopolizing of power by moneyed corporations, and had them printed and distributed throughout the Dominion, and they do not now need renewal. What we now want is that this Grange, during the present session, will take such steps as will stimulate with greater energy and inspire with new hope the living Granges and members, and infuse new life into those that are dormant. How this can be best done will be for the members of this Grange to carefully consider.

There has been a large amount of correspondence, all of which has been answered as promptly as possible.

Two copies of the proceedings of last annual meeting and copies of the official lists for the years 1885 and 1886, also copies of the circular with the Auditor's Report of last year's accounts were mailed to each Grange.

Enquiries from many parts of the Dominion are received in regard to the Grange, especially from Manitoba and the North West Territories, also from Muskoka and Parry Sound Districts of Ontario. A few Granges have been organized in these new Districts (Muskoka and Parry Sound) and they are very active, but there has been a difficulty in getting Deputies skilled in organization work, and owing to the scattered condition of the settlements it requires a great deal of labor in starting new Granges.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. GLENDINNING,

Secretary.

On motion the Secretary's Report was referred to its appropriate committee.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet on Monday, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m.

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THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Monday, November 29th, 1886.

Worthy Master, Bro. Robert Wilkie, in the chair. Roll called
Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Report upon Home and Grange Attractions read by Sister Moffat.

HOME AND GRANGE ATTRACTIONS.

Your committee are of the opinion the greatest attraction in a well regulated home is the wife and mother. The first influence of every manly heart is devotion to her before any other law demands his attention. She is his guiding star and in a great measure the keeper of his destiny, and knowing this to be the case, how careful we ought to be in the training of our daughters, seeing the great part they will have to play in the drama of the next generation. Her education is of the most vital importance, far more so than the education of the sons. Children as a rule come to their mother for information on every subject, and if she is ignorant they very soon find it out, and seek the required information from some other source, sometimes to their great detriment, whereas, if the mother is educated they will be more apt to respect her, both sons and daughters, when they find out that she knows more than they do. She will take an interest in all their studies and will help in directing their young and earnest minds by selecting their reading matter, and showing that she is a judge of what is suitable. When a man brings a true wife into a home she makes it a place of peace and takes his mother's place. He does not love his mother less, but loves his wife more. Love flings a halo around her head and the attraction is above, beneath and all around her. No matter how poor his cabin nor how humble his lot, she will strengthen his hands and encourage his heart, she will be like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, the centre of comfort, order and beauty. And now, since the wife has made the inside attraction, the husband must attend to its outward development, provide for it, and defend it. He must strengthen his wife's hands and encourage her heart, for she will have much to bear in the great battle of life. And while we train our daughters to make good wives and mothers, we must not lose sight of our sons, but train them to make good husbands and fathers, for in all well regulated households they go hand in hand. And while our sons and daughters go to school to learn the rudiments of knowledge, let us keep teaching our daughters the rudiments of housekeeping a little at a time and they will soon grow up to take an interest in culinary affairs. Let us teach our daughters how to make a good loaf of bread, to cook meats and vegetables to perfection. The less pies and cakes that are made the better, for pies and cakes and bad cooking are the hot-beds of dyspepsia, and when it enters a dwelling, gloom and despondency come side by side; the attraction is all gone and the happiness of the home is destroyed. Let us teach our daughters that it is an honorable thing to work and that to know how to cook,

sweep rooms and dust them, make beds, wash clothes and iron them, is womanly, motherly, sisterly and wife-like, and that the attraction and happiness of a household is more apt to be preserved, if the work can be managed by the members of the family. Let us teach our boys to be obliging to their mothers and sisters and to do the rough chores for them and they will be very apt to do it for their wives. Let us teach both sons and daughters the laws of hygiene to know themselves, to take care of themselves and to be self-supporting. If we do this we give them riches beyond compare, and leave them the inheritors of untold wealth. Get both sons and daughters into the Grange as soon as possible and they will bring the attraction with them. Encourage amusements and social gatherings and let the young people have a little rule. Don't have it all work and no play, for that would spoil all the attraction and make a very dull Grange indeed.

SISTER MOFFAT,
 " LETHBRIDGE,
 " MCLEOD,
 " SELLERS,
 " JONES,
 " REAZIN,
 " HILBORN.

On motion the Report upon Home and Grange attractions was adopted.

Sister Moffat read Report upon Temperance.

REPORT UPON TEMPERANCE.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows :—

We would record our profound gratitude to God for the signal success of Temperance principles during the past year.

Many of our most influential religious bodies, associations, corporations, and the Press are raising their voices against the great social curse, and it is our earnest desire to see the great evil exterminated, which in our opinion can not be accomplished by any other means than total prohibition.

Wherever prohibition has been tried in the United States it has done much to empty their Jails, Poor Houses, and Asylums, and also reduced their taxes.

In view of the near approach of a general election it would be well to impress upon the electors the necessity of electing

men who are in full sympathy with prohibitory Legislation.

As the great sin of intemperance is ruining our homes, plucking our fairest flowers, degrading and trampling them in the dust, leaving our loved ones to weep and wail over the wreck of once happy and prosperous lives.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

SISTERS	MOFFAT,
"	REAZIN,
"	LETHBRIDGE.
"	SELLERS,
"	HILBORN,
"	MCLEOD,
"	JONES,
BRO.	GLENDINNING.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. T. S. McLeod read the Auditors' Report, first reading the Report made the 3rd of March, 1886, and then the report from that date to the present time.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

II. Glendinning in Account with Dominion Grange.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
From Sale of Printed Matter.	\$ 122 21	For Tin Boxes and Padlocks	\$ 9 15
" Organization of New Granges.	360 00	" Deputies organizing Granges	115 50
" Quarterly Dues by Cash and		" Stationery.....	10 03
Orders.....	580 02	" Printing.....	63 05
" Emblems and Pins.....	16 80	" Sundries.....	4 20
" Bro. Geo. Creed, per Bro. J. A.		" Postage.....	64 81
Thompson, of Dakota.....	10 00	" Express charges.....	5 65
		" Executive Committee Work.....	160 25
		" Treasurer	655 26
Total	\$ 1088 03	Total	\$ 1088 03

We, the undersigned, beg to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Secretary, comparing them with the vouchers and find them to be correct.

March 6th, 1886.

CHAS. MOFFAT,	} AUDITORS
T. S. MCLEOD,	

TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

J. P. Ball, Treasurer, in account with Dominion Grange.

1885.	RECEIPTS.	1885.	PAYMENTS.
Mar. 6.	By balance as per audit of 1884.....	Mar. 6.	To Cash paid delegates attending an. meeting.....
	\$ 726 31		" Auditors.....
Aug. 7.	By Cheque from Provincial Grange Treasurer.....		" Caretaker City Hall.....
	50 00		" H. B. Hunt, lecturing ..
1886.		May 30.	" W. Pemberton, printing 3000 supplements to proceedings.....
Feb. 6.	By Cash Dom. Secretary.....		5 00
	" Postage Stamps	July 9.	" B. Robinson, printing proceedings of Dom. Grange
	" Dom. Grange Sec'y		85 80
	193 03		" W. Pemberton, printing Constitutions
			40 00
		Aug. 7	" do
		1886.	25
		Feb. 9.	" Discount on Cheque.....
			25
			" Discount on Cheque.....
			35 00
		Mar. 3.	" Dom. Grange Secretary salary
			150 00
			" Dom. Master's salary ..
			50 00
			" Master's expenses to National Grange.....
			48 00
			" Balance on hand
			42 77
	Total		Total
	\$ 1035 76		\$ 1035 76

We, the undersigned Auditors for the Dominion Grange, certify to having examined the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers and find them very satisfactory and correct in every particular.

Toronto, March 3rd, 1886.

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
T. S. McLEOD, } AUDITORS.

DOM. GRANGE—SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

H. Glendinning in account with Dominion Grange.

RECEIPTS.

To Received for sale of Printed Matter.....	\$ 42 38.
" Organization of New Granges	40 00
" Quarterly dues Sub. Granges (1886).....	35 72
" " Ont. Prov. Grange (1885 & 1886) ..	401 75
" " Mar. " (1885)	125 00
" " Sundries.....	2 00
	\$ 646 85.

EXPENDITURES.

By paid for Printing	\$ 33 91
" Postage	23 18
" Organizing new Granges.....	12 00
" Express charges	45

"	Executive Committee	38 41
"	Treasurer	526 90
"	Sandries	2 00
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		\$ 646 85

We, the undersigned, beg to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Secretary comparing them with vouchers and find them to be correct.

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
T. S. MCLEOD, } AUDITORS.

AUDITORS' REPORT, 1886.

J. P. Bull in account with Dominion Grange.

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March	3.	To balance from last audit	\$ 42 77
"	15.	" cash Prov. Treas. Ontario	78 92
"	15.	" vouchers from Prov. Treas. Ontario	98 00
June	9.	" cash from Dominion Secretary	150 00
Nov.	27.	" " "	376 91
Nov.	27.	" " Provincial Treasurer	66 25
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			\$ 812 85

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March	4.	By cash paid Auditors	\$ 20 70
"	6.	" Executive Committee	40 50
April	14.	" Cave & Chester, printing	20 50
June	9.	By discount on A. Gifford's cheque	38
July	7.	By cash paid Cave & Chester, printing	24 50
Sept.	13.	" printing essays and blanks	27 70
Sept.	13.	" P. O. Order for above	20
Nov.	27.	Secretary's salary to Nov. 7th	100 00
Nov.	27.	Treasurer's " "	22 00
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			\$ 812 85

We, the undersigned, Auditor for the Dominion Grange, certify to having examined the accounts of your Treasurer, finding them correct and corresponding to vouchers.

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
T. S. MCLEOD, } AUDITORS.

Amount due Dominion Grange by Ontario.

For Quarter No. 4, 1884, a balance of	\$ 142 82
" 1, 1885	204 54
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	\$ 347 36

Amount due Dominion by Maritime Provincial.

For Quarter No. 1, 1886.....	\$ 44 63	
“ 2, “	44 59	89 22
		<hr/> \$ 436 58

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
T. S. McLEOD, } AUDITORS.

On motion the Auditors' Report was received.

The Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees reported that the following members be a committee to reply to the various questions submitted by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress:—Bros. J. Robinson, R. Wilkie, C. Moffat, R. Currie, E. H. Hilborn, H. Glendinning, and G. L. Sellers.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee to strike Standing Committees also submitted report appointing a Committee on Claims and Grievances consisting of the following members:—Bros. F. R. Jones, A. Servos, T. S. McLeod, and G. L. Sellers.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn read Report on Constitution and By-Laws.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

We, your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, beg to report That we have had before us, the Report of the Committee on Constitution of Ontario Provincial Grange, which we have examined very carefully, and which we find recommends some very radical changes in the representative element composing this body; and while the changes may seem sweeping at first sight, your Committee are of opinion that they are about what we require at the present juncture, and would therefore recommend their adoption by Dominion Grange.

Said Report reads as follows, viz:—

(Note.—See Report of Constitution and By-Laws, in proceedings of Ontario Provincial Grange.)

Your Committee having examined the notice for change of the Constitution, and considering said notices to be sufficient, would recommend the adoption of the following amendments to the Constitution, viz:—

CONSTITUTION OF DOMINION GRANGE, ART. I.

Sec. 1.—Shall be amended to read as follows :—Dominion Grange shall be composed of one Delegate and his wife, if a Matron, from each Subordinate and Division Grange in good standing in the Province of Ontario, and two delegates and their wives, if Matrons, from the Maritime Provincial Grange, hereafter to be organized under the auspices of the Dominion Grange, but no delegate, though he may represent more than one Grange shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Sec. 3.—Shall read, no Subordinate or Division Grange shall be entitled to representation in Dominion Grange which shall be in arrears for more than one quarter's reports together with the capitation tax and membership dues thereon.

Sec. 4.—Repealed and the following substituted:—Should the Secretary of a Division Grange neglect or refuse to forward the returns to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, in time to entitle such Grange to take their seats, such delegates may be seated by producing a certificate over the signature of the Secretary and seal of the Grange, certifying that such delegate was duly elected, and that such reports and capitation tax had been duly forwarded.

Sec. 5.—Division Granges in the Province of Ontario, shall make their returns direct to the Secretary of Dominion Grange.

Sec. 6.—The Secretary of Dominion Grange shall furnish each Subordinate Grange with blank forms of certificate for delegates to Dominion Grange, which shall certify that such delegate was duly elected, and that all returns and capitation tax required by the Constitution have been duly forwarded.

Sec. 7.—Dominion Grange shall set apart one half of all monies received for capitation tax and membership dues, with the sum of the profits realized upon the sale of supplies, as a fund to be called the Sessional Indemnity Fund, and which shall be applied exclusively for the payment of the expenses of delegates attending the sessions of Dominion Grange, and the remaining one half of all receipts to Dominion Grange, to be funded for all other legitimate purposes of the Grange, except the payment of delegates expenses.

Sec. 8.—Delegates expenses to Dominion Grange shall only be paid as follows :—First, the actual and necessary railway fare, or an equal per centage thereof, as the Sessional Indemnity Fund will permit. Second, the hotel expenses, or an equal per centage thereof as the fund will permit, but in no case to exceed one dollar per day. This allowance only to be made to delegates from Subordinate Granges. Divisional and Provincial Granges sending delegates must provide for their expenses if any are allowed.

Sec. 9.—The Maritime Provincial Grange or any Provincial Grange hereafter to be organized, shall have control of its own affairs, including the framing, altering, or amending its own Constitution, and making its own laws, but shall not change the Ritual, the names of Officers or the Unwritten work, shall pay no capitation tax, or initiation dues to Dominion Grange, but shall pay a nominal sum, say one dollar for each Charter granted for the organization of Subordinate or Dominion Granges within its jurisdiction, and shall procure its Rituals from Dominion Grange at a price that will cover the cost of printing and binding the same, and may send two delegates to Dominion Grange.

Sec. 10.—Division Granges and Subordinate Granges not connected with a Division or Provincial Grange shall have the power to pass By Laws reducing the initiation fee to male persons in their discretion, but in no case shall such fee be reduced below one dollar and such reduction shall effect all Granges within the Division.

Sec. 11.—Should the Secretary of a Division Grange refuse or neglect to forward the reports of Subordinate Granges to the Dominion Grange in time to entitle the delegates to take their seats in such Grange or delay the transmission of the annual word, said delegates may be seated by producing a certificate over the signature of the Secretary and seal of their Subordinate Grange, certifying that such reports had been forwarded, after which such Subordinate Grange or Granges may make their returns in duplicate forwarding one copy to the Secretary of Dominion Grange, and one to the Secretary of their Division Grange, enclosing one half of the capitation tax and membership dues with each such copy of the report.

Sec. 12.—No Grange shall be entitled to representation in Dominion Grange which is in arrears for more than one quarter's reports with the capitation tax and membership dues thereof.

Sec. 13.—That such amalgamated Grange shall be known as take the name of, and be the Dominion Grange.

Art. III.—Sec. 1.—Amended by striking out the words "and Dispensation" in the first line.

Sec. 2.—Amended by substituting the word Charter for the word "Dispensation."

Sec. 3.—By substituting "Charter" for Dispensation in the first line and adding at the end of the section the words "in the Province of Ontario, or any Province having no Provincial Grange, but to the Secretary of Provincial Grange in Provinces having a Provincial Grange."

Sec. 4.—By changing the words "from Division Grange Treasury" to, by the Grange to which they make their returns.

A.—Your Committee would further recommend the passage of a By-Law amalgamating Ontario Provincial Grange with Dominion Grange on terms set forth in this report.

B.—And would further recommend that all clauses in the Constitution of Dominion Grange or any Grange subordinate thereto, not consistent with this amended Constitution, shall be repealed, altered or amended as the case may require, so as to conform thereto, and that the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange be instructed to make the necessary alterations. All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. H. HILBORN,
CHAS. MOFFAT,
ALEX. SERVOS,
GEO. L. SELLERS,
T. R. JONES.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that the report on Constitution and By Laws be received and considered clause by clause.—Adopted.

On motion Grange adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, November 29th, 1886.

The Worthy Master called the Grange to order at 1.30 p. m.
Bro. A. Servos read the report on the good of the Order.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

Your Committee on the Good of the Order, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

Your Committee would suggest that in every Subordinate Grange the question drawer or box be introduced. Said box being similar to the ballot box, and all questions to be written on slips of paper and deposited in the box, and the slips to be drawn out by the Leteturer and read and then the questions discussed in the Grange.

Your Committee would recommend more music in our Subordinate Granges as well as in our homes, and occasionally open meet-

ings of the Grange: we think it would be the means of inducing others to join the Order, and that the Officers use every means in their power to make such meetings interesting and instructive, and it should be the duty of every farmer to become a member of our organization, then we could join hand in hand and labor for equal rights and liberties, equal taxes and burdens, and an equal representation to help to hasten the good time coming. Let us strive by more earnest efforts than ever before to increase our strength, as we believe we are now on the road to success, and we will reach the goal if we only persevere and use our united efforts in securing and gathering in the younger members of our families to the Grange, and in the sunshine of the love of a foster mother which the true Grange will always bear to the young, the germs of a good conscience, love of truth and duty will grow from seed sown in the soil of the heart and mind, and build at last the strong superstructure of noble lives to bless the Grange and our country.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALEX. SERVOS,
THOS. REAZIN.

On motion, report was adopted.

Bro. Jabel Robinson read the report upon the questions submitted by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, after which it was considered clause by clause.

Report in answer to platform of Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have considered the questions submitted by the Secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress under twenty-one heads, each of which are of sufficient scope to furnish subject for a Report of itself, we will therefore deal with them briefly.

1st.—Manhood Suffrage:—

We consider an intellectual qualification, if practicable, would form the best basis of enfranchisement, but the difficulty of the application of this principle makes its consideration useless. And failing that we would not favor any reduction, as any person with proper care and industry can, in a reasonable time, acquire the necessary qualification.

2nd.—Grouped Constituencies and accumulative vote:—

Grouped Constituencies would not be applicable to Rural Districts

3rd.—The abolition of a property qualification for Municipal Offices:—

We believe that the representatives of the people in any capacity should have a permanent stake in the country.

4th.—The publication of the assessment roll:—

There could be no objection to the publication of the assessment rolls except the expense which would be heavy.

5th.—The increase of the exemption on income tax, looking to its ultimate abolition:—

We believe that income is the true basis of taxation as upon it alone rests the ability to pay taxes.

6th.—The prohibition of the hiring out of convict labor under contract.

Convicts should contribute to their own support and to some degree lighten the burdens of the country. Whether hiring out under contract is an evil or not, we have not at this time the means of knowing.

7th.—The enactment of laws providing for arbitration in labor disputes, and the enforcement of the decision of the arbitrators:—

We believe that the time has arrived when the enactment of some equitable and efficient laws for the settlement of labor disputes have become a necessity.

8th.—The abolition of the contract system on National, Provincial and Municipal works.

Abolition of the contract system while perhaps adding to the expense would materially tend to the permanence of public works, but would lead to expense and inconvenience in Township and County Municipalities.

9th.—The abolition of all tax exemptions.

We are of the opinion that to tax Government and Educational property would be exceedingly unwise, other exempted property might be profitably considered.

10th.—The acquisition by the Government of all telegraphs, telephones, and railways.

We believe that the time has come when the Government should assume control of Railway, Telephone and Telegraph communications.

11th.—The enactment of an employers liability Act for the Dominion of Canada.

Too indefinite.

12th.—The abolition of assisted passages to immigrants.

If the Government could by assisted passages settle up the unoccupied lands of our Dominion with the right class of men, they would materially add to the wealth and strength of this country.

13th.—The enactment of a law making eight hours a legal day's work.

We cannot recommend a law making eight hours a day's work, as it would be impracticable on the farm, a waste of valuable time and must necessarily lead to an increase in the price of the products of labor, and thereby increase the expense of living without corresponding advantages.

14th.—The election, by the people, of the Lieutenant Governor and leading county and city officials.

The election of the Lieutenant Governor and other leading officials, we think would not be likely to improve the character of our officials, nor tend to the permanence and efficiency of our Institutions.

15th.—The abrogation of all laws that do not bear equally on all classes, and the removal of unjust technicalities, delays and discriminations in the administration of justice.

All laws which delay speedy justice or discriminates against any class or creed of our people should be amended.

16th.—The adoption of the Torrens system of land transfer.

We recommend the Torrens system of land transfer and registration or one similar, if the cost of proceedings could be reduced to reasonable rates.

17th.—All public lands to be held for actual settlers, and lands now held for speculative purposes to be taxed to their full value.

The assessment law already provides that all land be assessed at their true value, and we endorse the demand to hold the public lands for actual settlers.

18th.—The application of the principle of co-operation, wherever practicable.

The application of the principles of co-operation is one of the principles of the Grange Order, and should have our sympathy and support wherever justly and fairly carried out.

19th.—The abolition of the Senate.

The abolition of the Senate being a political party question, is placed beyond our consideration as a body, although individual members have a right to think and act for themselves as they please.

20th.—The issue of all money as a circulating medium by the Government.

Placing the issue of all money in the hands of the government has been considered at various times by this Grange, but no definite position has as yet been taken in relation to it.

21st.—The prohibition of the importation of Chinese labor.

We think the Anglo Saxon race with its superiority of mind and

muscle should have little to fear from competition in a fair field with the Mongolian.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JABEL ROBINSON,
ROBT. WILKIE,
H. GLENDINNING,
C. MOFFAT,
R. CURRIE,
E. H. HILBORN,
G. L. SELLERS.

On motion report was adopted.

The Report upon Constitution and By-Laws taken from the table and discussed clause by clause.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that Section No. 1 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Bro. T. R. Jones, seconded by Bro. G. L. Sellers, that the word "two" in Section No. 1 be struck out and "one" substituted so as to make it read "and one delegate and his wife if a Matron from the Maritime Provincial Grange and any other Provincial Grange hereafter to be organized under the auspices of the Dominion Grange."—Amendment carried.

On motion Section No. 1 was adopted as amended.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that Section No. 3 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. G. L. Sellers, that Section No. 4 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that Section No. 5 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that Section No. 6 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. A. Servos, that Section No. 7 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Moffat, seconded by Bro. Brock, that in Section No. 7 that the words "three-fifths" be substituted for "one-half."—Amendment withdrawn.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

Monday, November 29th, 1886.

The Worthy Master called the Grange to order at 7.30 p. m.

The Grange resumed the discussion on the Report of Constitution.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Section No. 8 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Section No. 9 be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. T. R. Jones, seconded by Bro. C. Moffat, that Section No. 9 be amended by striking out the word "one" and substituting the word "two," thereby making the Maritime Grange pay two dollars for each charter.—Carried.

On motion Section 9 was adopted as amended.

Moved by Bro. Moffat, seconded by Bro. Hilborn, that Section No. 10 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Section No. 11 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Moffat, that Section No. 12 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Moffat, that Section No. 13 be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Art. III Section 1, be amended as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos that Section 2 Art. III, be amended as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Section 3 of Art. III, be amended as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that Section 4 of Art. III, be amended as per report.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that clause A be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that clause B be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Alex. Servos, that Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws as amended, be adopted.

Bro. Hilborn and six other members demanded the yeas and nays.

Yeas—Bros. G. L. Sellers, T. R. Jones, E. H. Hilborn, T. S. McLeod, C. Moffat, and Alex. Servos. Sisters Sellers, Jones, Hilborn, McLeod and Moffat.

Nays—None.

The Master declared the Report carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Servos, that the amended Constitution just adopted come into operation and take effect

from and after the first day of January A. D. 1887, and all reports from Division and Subordinate Granges, up to that date, go through the same channel as heretofore, and that as soon as such reports are in, that both the Executive Committee of Ontario Provincial Grange and the Executive Committee of Dominion shall meet and settle up all matters pertaining to the completion of the amalgamation.—Carried.

Bro. Moffat made a verbal report as Lecturer of Dominion Grange.

Moved by Bro. J. P. Bull, seconded by Bro. Sellers, that this Dominion Grange desires to express its thanks to its Worthy Lecturer for his efficient services on behalf of the Grange during the past year in organizing and reviving dormant Granges.—Carried.

Bro. J. P. Bull read his report as Treasurer.

REPORT.

J. P. Bull in account with Dominion Grange.

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March	3.	To balance from last audit	\$ 42 77
"	15.	" cash Prov. Treas. Ontario	78 92
"	15.	" vouchers from Prov. Treas. Ontario	98 00
June	9.	" cash from Dominion Secretary	150 00
Nov.	27.	" " "	376 91
Nov.	27.	" " Provincial Treasurer	66 25

\$ 812 85

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March	4.	By cash paid Auditors.....	\$ 20 70
"	6.	" Executive Committee	40 50
April	14.	" Cave & Chester, printing	20 50
June	9.	By discount on A. Gifford's cheque	38
July	7.	By cash paid Cave & Chester, printing	24 50
Sept.	13.	" printing essays and blanks.....	27 70
Sept.	13.	" P. O. Order for above	20
Nov.	27.	Secretary's salary to Nov. 7th	100 00
Nov.	27.	Treasurer's " "	22 00
		Balance on hand	556 37

\$ 812 85

Examined and found correct.

CHAS. MOFFAT, }
T. S. McLEOD, } AUDITORS.

Moved by Bro. A. Servos, seconded by Bro. C. Moffat, that the reports of the Auditors' and Treasurer be adopted, and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Bro. J. Robinson read Report No. 4 of Committee to strike Standing Committees.

We, your Committee, beg leave to recommend the following be appointed a Committee on Insurance, viz:—Bros. Moffat, Servos, Bull and Jones.

JABEL ROBINSON,
E. H. HILBORN.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. W. N. Harris addressed the grange on some points on the Act of Incorporation.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

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MORNING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, TORONTO,

Tuesday, Nov: 30th, 1886.

The Worthy Master, Bro. Robt. Wilkie, in the chair.

The Secretary called the roll, and read the minutes of yesterday, and upon motion they were approved.

Moved by Bro. G. L. Sellers, seconded by Bro. J. Robinson, that the matter of appointing Deputies for each Provincial Grange be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws with a recommendation that the Maritime Provincial Grange shall have the power to appoint Deputies within its jurisdiction.—Carried.

Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. G. L. Sellers, moves for leave to introduce a By-Law to ratify the amalgamation of Ontario Provincial Grange with this Grangé, and that the same be now read three several times, passed and signed by the Master and Secretary and the Seal of the Grange attached, and that it become law for the purposes therein mentioned.—Carried.

By-Law introduced by Bro. Hilborn and read three several times, and passed, signed by the Master and Secretary and the Seal of the Grange attached.

BY-LAW NO. I OF 1886.

A By-Law to ratify an amalgamation of Ontario Provincial Grange with the Dominion Grange.

Whereas by the adoption of a Report on Constitution and By-Laws of Ontario Provincial Grange, an amalgamation of Ontario Provincial Grange with the Dominion Grange was offered to this

Grange on the terms and conditions laid down in that Report or the principles thereof. And whereas it is desirable to accept and ratify such amalgamation on the part of this Grange.

Therefore the Corporation of the Dominion Grange of Canada enacts as follows :—

1st.—That the proposal of Ontario Provincial Grange to amalgamate with this Grange be, and the same is hereby accepted and ratified on the terms laid down in the Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws just adopted by this Grange.

2nd.—That By-Law No. 1, of 1885, and adopted at last meeting of Dominion Grange be, and the same is hereby repealed.

3rd.—That all By-Laws or parts of By-Laws, clauses of Constitution or resolutions, not consistent with this By-Law or the Constitution as just amended shall be, and the same are hereby repealed

Passed at Toronto, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1886.

ROBT. WILKIE, Master Dom. Grange.

HY. GLENDINNING, Sec. Dom. Grange.



Bro. T. S. McLeod read the report on Officers' Reports and Salaries.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS AND SALARIES.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange.

We have much pleasure in congratulating our Worthy Master on the great ability displayed by him in the preparation of his eloquent and stirring address and only wish that every newspaper in the country would publish it in order that such an able and eloquent exposition of the Grange purposes and principle might be read by every thinking man and woman. All must concur with him in thankfulness for the bountiful yield which has blessed our labor and for the immunity from the storms and disasters by which many happy homes in other countries have been made desolate. He tells us that we live in a country where we must labor to live, but at the same time it is also one in which misfortune and infirmity are the unavoidable causes of want. We feel with him too that a necessity exists that some better means should be provided for the shelter of our deserving poor than at present exists. We heartily endorse his ideas regarding party politics, and hope to see the day when men who will bring forward measures that are truly beneficial to us as agriculturists will receive our support irrespective of party, and we

thank him for the honest, manly and straight forward advice which he gives our leading political newspapers. We trust that his advice will be taken regarding the men whom we send to Parliament and that instead of Lawyers and Railway men we will be represented by men from our own ranks.

We find from the able and comprehensive report of our Worthy Secretary, that while we have some cause of regret in the apathy which seems to be stealing over the Grange at the same time there is cause for congratulation, inasmuch as he tells us that 20 Sub Granges and 1 Division have been organized and that no charters have been surrendered: we would emphatically endorse what he says with regard to the necessity for individual effort in the Sub Granges and would press upon every member that he or she should do his and her utmost to advance the Order in their own neighborhood. As he remarks, doubtless short crops and low prices have something to do with the lethargy which has taken hold of us, but at the same time individual carelessness has more to do with it than anything else. We also heartily endorse his remarks with regard to the cultivation of the social and intellectual element in the Grange, and we believe if our meetings were made more attractive they would be better attended. A large amount of correspondence has been laid upon him, but his duty has been performed carefully and well. We are glad to hear that enquiries are being made from Muskoka and Parry Sound districts and also from Manitoba and the North West and that the inhabitants of these places desire to avail themselves of the privileges of the Grange Organization. We trust that efficient deputies may be found to carry on the work there.

We are sorry to hear from our Executive Committee that there are many Granges not reporting, and as the life of the order undoubtedly depends upon the prosperity of the Sub Granges, we trust that the present changes in the Constitution may have a beneficial effect upon them. We sympathize with our Executive on account of the amount of brain work entailed upon them by the questions propounded by Bro. Creed, of Nova Scotia, and would recommend that the various Constitutional changes contained in their answers should become law. We are sorry that the liberal offer of the publishers of the Rural Canadian has not been more largely taken advantage of, but trust it may yet be better appreciated. We thank our Committee for their attention to legislative matters in printing and sending the recommendations of the Grange to every Member of the House of Commons.

All which is respectfully submitted.

We would recommend with regard to officers salaries that they be as follows, viz :—

Master.....	\$ 30 00
Secretary	200 00
Treasurer	20 00

Members of Executive Committee \$1.50 per day and necessary railway fare. The Secretary to receive his railway fare and actual hotel expenses not to exceed \$1 when in attendance at Executive Committee meeting, but no allowance per diem.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. S. McLEOD,	} COMMITTEE.
ROBERT CURRIE,	
T. R. JONES,	

On motion report was adopted.

Bro. Jabel Robinson read the report on Agriculture.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION

Beg leave to report as follows :

One of the leading objects of the Patrons of Husbandry is to improve and advance the science of Agriculture. The salubrity of the climate of the Dominion of Canada and the elements within our soil are favorable to the success of the agriculturist.

Although our soil is rich in plant food it is necessary that judicious care should be exercised in order through constant cropping it may not become exhausted. We strongly recommend all our members and the farmers generally to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the best known methods practiced in farming.

Your Committee strongly urges upon the Dominion Government the necessity of exercising the strictest vigilance to prevent the introduction of Pleuro Pnenmonia into this country. As we are informed that in some of the Western States of America this disease is prevalent and the result would be disastrous to the Agriculturist should this disease gain a foothold in this country. While we are glad to learn that a reasonable safe quarantine is placed at the Eastern frontier, our Western frontier should also be well guarded.

Education being a question of such vast importance to all our members, the limited time and space at our disposal will not permit such an elaboration of the subject as its importance demands,

but we press strongly upon all our members the advisability of embracing every opportunity of giving their sons and daughters such an education that they may become ornaments to the professions they are to follow in after life.

Signed	JABEL ROBINSON, ROBERT CURRIE, THOS. S. MCLEOD, T. R. JONES.	} COMMITTEE.

On motion report was adopted.

Bro. Robinson read Report No. 2 on Credentials.

REPORT NO. 2 ON CREDENTIALS.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members.

Your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report, that they find that Bros. G. L. Sellers and wife, T. R. Jones and wife from the Maritime Provincial Grange, and Bros. E. H. Hilborn and wife, T. S. McLeod and wife, Chas. Moffat and wife, Alex. Servos, Jabel Robinson, Thos. Reazin and wife, and Geo. Lethbridge and wife from Ontario Provincial Grange, are duly accredited delegates to the Dominion Grange.

JABEL ROBINSON,
ROBT. CURRIE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. T. Reazin read the Report of the Committee appointed by Ontario Provincial Grange to wait upon the Hon. O. Mowat in regard to legislation.

To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange.

We, the undersigned Deputation, appointed by you to bring before the Ontario Government the subject referred to in your Report on Legislation, viz., The reduction in County Councils,—The price of school books,—Length of midsummer holidays,—and changes in the assessments laws.

Beg to report that we met the Hon. Oliver Mowat as per appointment and submitted these matters to him.

We were kindly received, and the subjects were freely discussed

between us, and were promised that they would have the careful and favorable consideration of the Government.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. REAZIN, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Hilborn read supplementary report on Constitution.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONS AND BY-LAWS.

We, your committee on Constitution and By-Laws beg to submit the following supplementary report viz :

1st.—That inasmuch as the amended Constitution just adopted gives practical home rule to the Provincial Granges except the appointment of the Deputies.

Therefore your Committee would recommend that hereafter the Master of each Provincial Grange shall have the appointment of Deputies, within his jurisdiction, but not interfering with the right or power exercised by the Master of Dominion Grange.

Fraternally submitted

E. H. HILBORN,
ALEX. SERVOS,
CHAS. MOFFAT,
T. R. JONES,
G. S. SELLERS.

On motion report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, that the reports of the Executive Committee and Secretary be adopted, and that the first order of business after dinner be the election of officers. Carried.

Moved by Bro. E. H. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, that the next meeting of Dominion Grange be held in the City of Toronto.—Carried.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 1.30 p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, November 30th, 1886.

The Worthy Master, Bro. R. Wilkie, called the Grange to order at 1.30 p. m., and proceeded to the election of Officers.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. J. T. Richardson, G. L. Sellers, and H. Glendinning Scrutineers.

The following were the Officers elected for the ensuing year:—

<i>Master</i>	BRO. CHARLES MOFFAT...	Edge Hill,	Ont.
<i>Overseer</i>	" T. S. McLEOD	Dalston,	"
<i>Secretary</i>	" HY. GLENDINNING...	Manilla,	"
<i>Treasurer</i>	" J. P. BULL	Davenport,	"
<i>Lecturer</i>	" THOS. REAZIN	Cashtown,	"
<i>Chaplain</i>	" GEO. LETHBRIDGE ...	Strathburn,	"
<i>Steward</i>	" ALEX. SERVOS	Niagara,	"
<i>Ass't Steward</i>	" WM. BROCK	Adelaide,	"
<i>Gate Keeper</i>	" ROBT. CURRIE	Wingham,	"
<i>Cercs</i>	SISTER C. MOFFAT.....	Edge Hill,	"
<i>Pomona</i>	" G. LETHBRIDGE ...	Strathburn,	"
<i>Flora</i>	" T. S. McLEOD.....	Dalston,	"
<i>L. A. Steward</i>	" T. REAZIN	Cashtown,	"

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BRO. E. H. HILBORN.....	Uxbridge,	Ont.
" ROBT. WILKIE.....	Blenheim,	"

AUDITORS.

BRO. W. N. HARRIS.....	Toronto,	Ont.
" T. S. McLEOD	Dalston,	"

Bro. Moffat read the Report of the Committee on Insurance after being received and discussed.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. ——— that the Report be referred back to the Committee for amendment.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Moffat, seconded by Bro. Reazin that the Report remain on the table.—Amendment Carried.

Moved by Bro. J. Robinson, seconded by Bro. T. Reazin, that this Dominion Grange is willing and do hereby accept the assets of Ontario Provincial Grange in lieu of any and all deficiencies in payment of dues to this Grange.—Carried.

The Officers were installed by Bro. J. Robinson.

Bro. T. R. Jones read Report of Committee on Claims and Grievances.

CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES.

Worthy Masters and Members of the Dominion Grange.

We your Committee on Claims and Grievances beg leave to report as follows,—In regard to the charges published in the Owen Sound Co-operator and Patron for May 1885, charging Bro. John Burns, manager of the Grange Wholesale Supply Co's. branch at Halifax, N. S., with visiting Albert, Cumberland, Colchester, Kings and Pictou Division Granges while in session to oppose any effort made by the people to secure the benefits of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association. Your Committee have before them resolutions from each of the above Granges contradicting the above charges, and setting forth the fact that Bro. Burns in his lecture tour through the Maritime Provinces claimed as one of the principal advantages to be acquired through the organization was the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

Therefore we exonerate Bro. John Burns from all blame.

T. R. JONES,
G. S. SELLERS,
THOS. S. MCLEOD.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Grange adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, November 30th, 1886.

The Grange resumed business at 8 o'clock p. m.

The Worthy Master Bro. Chas. Moffat in the chair.

Bro. McLeod read report on mileage and per diem.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

We your Committee on Mileage and per Diem beg leave to report as follows :

We have given the question of Mileage and per Diem very careful consideration as we have the expenses of the late session of Ontario Provincial Grange to meet as well as that of the present session of Dominion Grange, and after making careful enquiry as to the amount of money required to meet the expenses of the delegates at the above named sessions, and also having due regard to the present financial condition of the Grange. Your Committee would recommend that the delegates be paid their actual railway fare and the sum of one dollar per day for hotel expenses while they were compelled to remain in the city attending Grange matters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. S. McLEOD.
CHAS. MOFFAT,
GEO. LETHBRIDGE.

On motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. J. P. Bull seconded by Bro. Robert Currie.

Whereas, Bro. Jabel Robinson has expressed his intention to retire from his official connection with this Grange for a time at least after seven years services in some of the most important positions, five years as a member of the Executive Committee and two years in the Masters chair.

Resolved, therefore, that we place on record our high appreciation of his valuable services, and the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of the different offices, and now leaves with the best wishes and prayers of his fellow Patrons for his future happiness and prosperity.—Adopted.

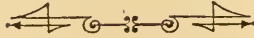
Moved by Bro. R. Currie seconded by Bro. J. Robinson, that the account of of \$6.50 for rent of Temperance Hall be paid.—Adopted.

All business before the Grange having been disposed of, the Grange was closed in ample form at 10 o'clock p. m. with "Auld Lang Syne," and thus the Twelfth Annual Session of the Dominion Grange adjourned *sine die*.

HY. GLENDINNING,

SECRETARY.

B A D G E S.



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DOMINION GRANGE for the use of Subordinate, Division,
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HY. GLENDINNING,

ALLA P. O., ONT.

Secretary, Dominion Grange.